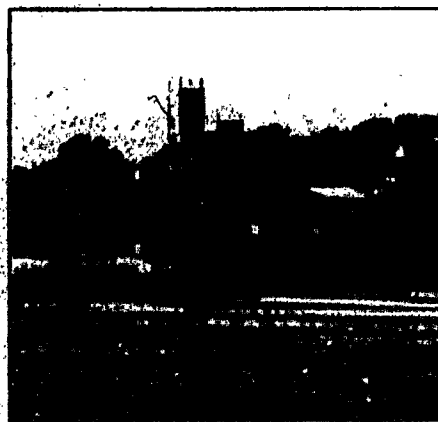


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King's Corner Connection will feature singer-guitarist Laura Hage from Nashville in concert today at 7 p.m. at 1804 Nicholson Ave., Waveland.

Bay High hosts open house

Bay High will host an open house Monday, 6:30-7:30. Freshmen parents invited at 6 p.m.

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Echo Staff Photo By Bennie Shallbetter

Well, it wasn't exactly a kiss, but Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo was a good sport about showing affection for Daisy the Bulldog on the Waveland Courthouse steps on Wednesday. Longo helped the Friends of the Hancock County Animal Shelter raise money on Labor Day by promising to kiss a bulldog.



Trucker escapes injury in train wreck

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Saturday was not a good day for independent trucker Kenneth Moody, of Biloxi. What should have been a routine pickup for the 45-year veteran of the industry turned into a nightmare, when a train hauling 129 cars crashed into his 1993 Peterbilt 18-wheeler with refrigerator trailer, which was hung up on a crossing at



Biloxi truck driver Kenneth Moody escaped injury Saturday evening when his rig was struck by a CSX train at Clermont Harbor and South St.

Clermont Harbor Blvd. and South Street around 6 p.m. The cab was overturned and the trailer was cut in half. The train sustained some damage to the engine's front guard rail. Amazingly, there were no injuries.

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Moran resigns as Chamber director

Two other employees on leave amidst investigation, review of financial records

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Carleen Moran has resigned and two other employees are on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation and internal audit of the organization's finances.

"The proper authorities have been notified," chamber President Jody Compretta said yesterday. "When we found out that there was something that needed to be checked into, we immediately called an executive board meeting."

Compretta would not confirm the nature of the investigation, but said the chamber had hired certified public accountant Charles Benvenuti to perform an audit of chamber of commerce finances.

Moran, who was unavailable for comment yesterday, submitted her resignation last week. The chamber board's executive committee was scheduled for another meeting last night to accept the



Carleen Moran, executive director of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, has resigned. New chamber President Jody Compretta confirmed yesterday there is an investigation into the agency's financial records.

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Supers want beachfront owners to show them the light

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Hancock County supervisors want beachfront property owners to give them the green light before renewing a beach lighting project.

At the request of the board last August, Mississippi Power Co., had begun installing 250-watt, high-pressure sodium lights in the vicinity of the Garfield-Ladner Pier in Waveland. Plans were to increase the number of lights on Beach Boulevard from 54 to 73, and the new lighting would stretch from Coleman Avenue in Waveland to Washington Street in Bay St. Louis.

The installation was halted when some residents complained the new

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Stennis International Airport -- all secure on the homefront

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Student pilot Sky Powers, 17, has been hanging out at Stennis International Airport in Kiln since he was 12 years old, much like 15-year-old Charles Bishop had at a St. Petersburg airport. But that is where the similarity ends. Bishop crashed a 172 Cessna into the Bank of America Building in Tampa on Sunday.

"People shouldn't be afraid of airplanes because of this incident. It was just a fluke," Powers said. "It was obviously a premeditated act, an act of a copycat. Maybe he thought it would be cool... he must have had some problems."

"My dad asked me if I wanted to take a glider ride on my 12th birthday and I have been hooked on flying ever since," said Powers, who became a glider pilot at 14 and a licensed pilot last month.

Charles Bishop had only six hours instruction when he made his fateful flight. Powers had only three hours of dual time when he soloed, but he had 60 hours of flight time in the gliders and had washed planes and worked odd jobs around the airport for rides for years.

For the past year he has worked for Phillips Aviation, pumping gas for flight time and going to home school.

"That leaves me more time to pursue my instrument and commercial ratings," said Powers, who said he hopes to combine having those ratings with graduating from high school within a year's time. Then it will be on to college for more flight training.

Airport manager Bill

Cotter said he also thought the tragedy was an isolated incident and premeditated. But that shouldn't make people afraid of small planes. They are some of the safest transportation around, Cotter said.

"Bishop could have done more damage with an automobile, even at slower speeds, and automobiles are not prechecked every time someone drives them, like planes are," said Cotter. "The most dangerous thing about Bishop's day was his drive to the airport."

As far as the instructor not being present at the plane, Cotter questioned whether Bishop might have crashed anyway, even if the instructor was aboard. It was fortunate that no one else was hurt, he said.

Pilot, instructor and airplane mechanic Michael Shallbetter said the real issue is not the safety of small aircraft or the security of small airports.

"We need to look at why this young person would do such a thing. What is driving our youths to these extreme states of mind that they would consider suicide or hurting others," said Shallbetter.

"Bishop used the plane because he was at the airport a lot, but he could have done more damage driving his father's car through the lobby of the building."

Shallbetter said that the 172 Cessna, which is one of the larger airplanes used in flight instruction, weighs less than most cars. If this proved anything, it proved that small planes don't make very good weapons for terrorists, he said.

"Small planes aid a community. They assist in

search and rescue operations and disasters," said Shallbetter. "The civil air patrol uses small planes to expose young people to aviation and give them positive goals in life."

Cotter said he doesn't plan to make any changes at the airport, but will encourage pilots to follow regular safety regulations such as flying at minimum heights and not hovering over facilities.

"The general public has become a little more concerned about general aviation and it is up to our pilots to calm their nerves," he said. "I think this airport is secure, because we live in a small community and it is hard for anyone to be around here without being noticed and introduced to everyone else. People work such varied hours that there is someone around here much of the time."

Flight instructor and owner of Phillips Aviation Gene Phillips said that planes are locked up, and the keys are secure so it is unlikely that anyone could steal an airplane from the field. He said that he plans to make no changes in procedures for the three or four students at the airport.

"People come for lessons because it has been a lifelong dream to fly," said Phillips. "This was just an isolated incident."

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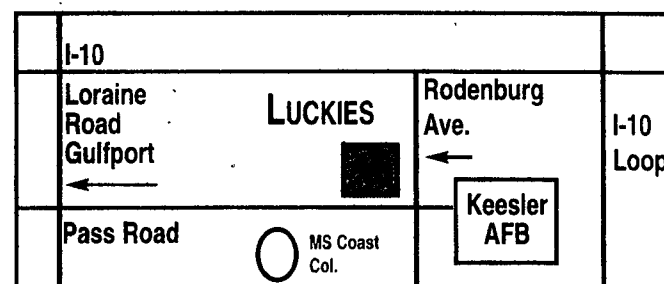
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Hotel Reed debate put to rest – for now

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Is the issue of a zoning change for the Hotel Reed property finally put to rest? Maybe and maybe not. In a surprise move, attorney Joel Blackledge, representing Ted Cain and the Reed Hotel property, withdrew an application for a zoning change from R-1 to commercial for the property located on Beach Blvd.

Cain proposed to tear down the existing structure, now used as a skilled nursing facility, and build a commercial hotel complete with a restaurant and bar.

He requested a zoning change, he said, because city ordinance would otherwise not allow alcohol to be served in the area, which is near a church.

Residents in the area turned out in droves last month to oppose the zoning change. Many were also opposed to a commercial hotel in the area, saying it

would ruin the ambience in a residential neighborhood.

In a letter addressed to President Bill Taylor, Blackledge stated merely that after careful consideration of the present status of the request, they felt it necessary at this time to withdraw the application for a zoning change. The letter did state that the parties involved did reserve the right to re-file the application at a later date.

Councilman Jim Thriffley asked that a motion be made to vote on the issue anyway, "to put a one year moratorium on the issue." Attorney John Scaife told council that even if they voted that it was no guarantee that the issue would not come up again before a year's time, because legally the request had been withdrawn and there could be no legal vote.

Mayor Eddie Favre said that Cain could come back tomorrow and ask for a special exception if he chose to

do so. Though Councilman Doug Seal went on record saying he did not oppose the idea of a commercial hotel on the property, he did say he opposed a zoning change.

Council voted unanimously to go on record that they are in agreement with the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision to deny Cain's request for a zoning change.

In other business:

• A bid of \$1,500 was accepted to tear down the existing structure located at 203 Citizen Street belonging to Chris Lagarde. The property has been the center of a controversy. Neighbors say the property is deteriorating and covered with excess brush, trash, and old car. The demolition is scheduled to begin next Monday.

• Carolyn Daniels and Terry Vincent, both of Sycamore Street, appeared to protest what they called harassment by police in the neighborhood. The women

said the excessive police presence in their neighborhood was a violation of their privacy and a waste of taxpayers' money.

• Sandra Price, also of Sycamore Street, appeared to question the city about the confusing speed limit signs on her street. Price said that speed limit signs show one speed limit going north on the street and another speed limit going south on the street. She asked for clear speed limit signs to be posted on all streets. Price also said she was concerned about the large congregation of police in a field located on St. Francis St.

• Council discussed having holding a preservation workshop at the Depot to work with the public on the proposed Historical Preservation Ordinance.

• Bay Council has changed its next regular meeting date to January 28 and 29 due to a travel conflict.

Chamber -- director resigns

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resignation. Compretta said two other paid chamber employees, Helen Gaines and Peggy Rutherford, are on leave until the investigation is complete.

Now, Compretta said, "The chamber is open for business. Everything the chamber does is back on schedule."

That includes ribbon cuttings, after-hours celebrations and the 77-year-old organization's annual membership banquet, which is scheduled for Friday evening, with a keynote address by U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran.

Compretta, the owner of Patient's Choice Medical Equipment and Supplies,

officially takes office at that event, replacing outgoing chamber President Dusty Rhodes.

For now, Compretta said, the chamber's Bay St. Louis office is being staffed by volunteers and executive committee members.

"The main thing is that we're going on with the business of the chamber" Compretta said. "The organization is as strong as it's ever been, and the chamber is moving on full-speed ahead."

More information will be

made public after the audit is complete, Compretta said.

Moran became the chamber's executive director in April 2000, stepping down as a Bay St. Louis city councilwoman and loan officer at Union Planters Bank to take the position. She is a graduate of Leadership Hancock County and Vision 2000, and holds a degree in business from Southwestern Louisiana.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

This is the time of year for new homeowners to file for homestead exemption.

The window of opportunity is January 1 to April 1, according to Tax Collector-Assessor Jimmie Ladner Jr.

Having homestead exemption entitles one to about a one-third reduction on property taxes each year.

Regular homestead exemption is available to those houses that are owner occupied and the residents are under age 65 and not disabled.

The requirements at filing for homestead exemption include the recorded warranty deed, the cost of the property, the down-payment amount, your Social Security number, and your vehicle's license number. Vehicles need to be registered in Hancock County.

There is also the special homestead exemption for folks over age 65. This homestead exemption really reduces taxes for homeowners.

Also there is a special homestead exemption for homeowners who are disabled.

By the way, once a person files for homestead exemption and continues to own the home, there is no need to file each year.

For more information, call Ladner's office at 467-4425.

Congratulations are in order for Randolph Bourgeois, who was recently named 2001 Volunteer of the Year at the Mississippi Hospital Association for Hospital Auxiliaries and Volunteer Services.

I have known Randolph for many years, as well as his late father, who was a Mississippi State Game Warden in Hancock County.

I know Randolph provides a great service to our community as a volunteer at Hancock Medical Center. Randolph is a retired Lieutenant Colonel having spent a 30-year career in the U.S. Army. He is a veteran of World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Since joining HMC's Auxiliary volunteers as the first male in 1996, he has logged some 6,000 volunteer hours.

Randolph, your work as a volunteer has touched many folks during the past five years, and you are to be commended for your service to the community. Congratulations on your deserving award.

I received a telephone call from Frank Ladner Tuesday, asking that I remind Hancock County residents attending Pearl River Community College that the deadline for applications for the two full 2002 spring semester scholarships is Friday, January 18.

Ladner is president of the newly-formed Hancock County PRCC Alumni Association, and these are the first scholarships to be offered by the group.

The criteria is that a student must be a graduate of any high school within Hancock County, possess financial need and must maintain a 2.5 GPA.

Ladner reports that the two scholarships to be offered in the fall will be vied for by 2002 graduates from any high school in Hancock County.

The scholarships are being administered by the Pearl River Community Development Foundation. Applications may be obtained from the Foundation Office on campus. They are also available by contacting Ladner at 467-7130.

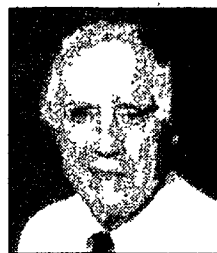
Judge Wise getting a bum rap

Hinds County Chancery Judge Patricia Wise has been getting a bum rap in print hereabouts over the Congressional redistricting plan she approved December 21. She doesn't deserve it.

On several counts, namely:

* First off, a Dec. 27 editorial in The Clarion-Ledger, followed by a Dec. 30 column wrongly stated that her plan puts both Mississippi State University and Ole Miss in the same Congressional district. It doesn't.

An obscure correction run 10 days later hardly touched the emotional State-Ole Miss trauma caused by the error.



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

* Next, and really more importantly, she was NOT hand-picked in any scheme of so-called "judge-shopping" by Democratic plaintiffs to handle the Congressional remap suit, contrary to what has been said in print by one writer, and several letters-to-the-editor. Judge Wise got the case through random assignment by the REPUBLICAN chancery clerk.

* Next, the widely assumed notion that her plan is tailor-made to assure Democrat Ronnie Shows winning the new district amalgamated from his and Republican Chip Pickering's 3rd District is neither supported by the population

numbers nor the voting history of the District. We'll talk more of that later.

Wise was given no praise as she should have been from any media voice for expediting the adoption of a remapping plan under pressure of a deadline.

She made it possible for Mississippi to get the voluminous documents necessary into the hands of the U.S. Justice Department for pre-clearance under the 1965 Voting Rights Act in time to meet the state's March 1 candidate qualifying deadline.

She did what the Mississippi Legislature failed to do. And Mississippians should further know this: Ours was the only Legislature among the Southern states that failed to draw up and adopt a Congressional redistricting

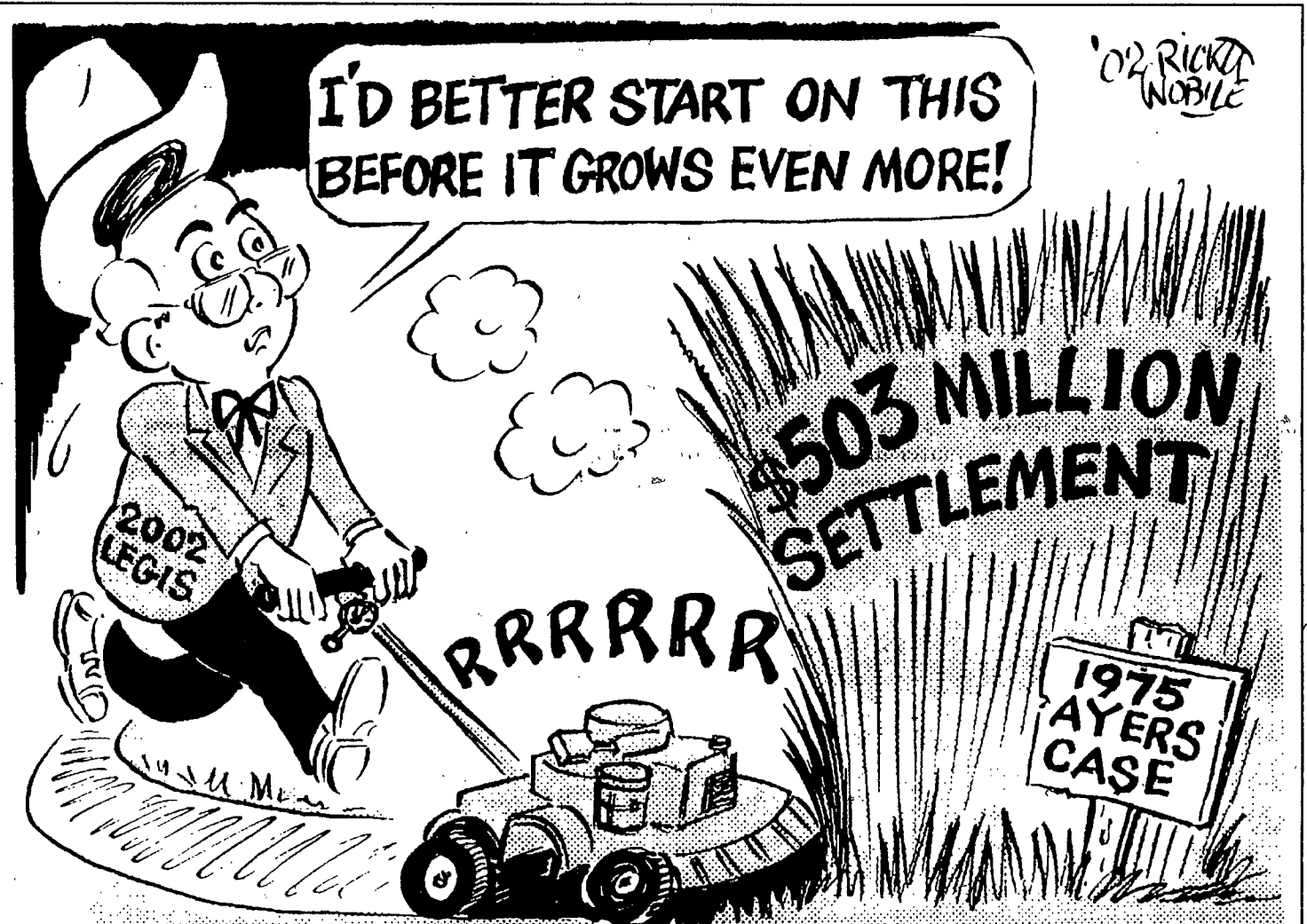
plan. In effect, the Legislature passed off their responsibility to the courts. Under judicial precedents set by the U.S. Supreme Court, the first role in redistricting lies in state courts.

Hence, it is right and proper that the Chancery Court of Hinds County, historically the court of equity for cases arising in the seat of state government, became the venue for the lawsuit filed by Democratic plaintiffs.

Republican plaintiffs meantime, filed their lawsuit in federal court. Funny that Republicans should be hollering "judge shopping" the loudest in response to Judge Wise's decision.

The Democratic lawsuit (with former state Welfare

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Goodwill celebrates a century of service

Dear Editor,

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During the 28 years of service on the Gulf Coast, your local Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi has continued the work and traditions so aptly described by President George Bush in his birthday wishes as follows:

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I commend staff and supporters, including businesses that hire Goodwill trainees, for contributing to this record of achievement.

I also salute Goodwill's many program graduates over the years for their hard work and determination in developing their knowledge, talents, and skills.

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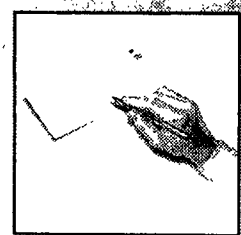
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TECHNICALITIES

BY STATE AUDITOR
Phil Bryant

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Q May a municipality pay all of its worker's compensation insurance cost from the General Fund?

A Yes. (§ 71-3-5)

Q May a municipality supplement worker's compensation payments to employees, so that an employee will receive 100% of his/her normal compensation?

A No. Section 96, Miss. Constitution prohibits payments to employees that are

not legal obligations. There is no obligation or authority for this type of payment.

Q How are state court assessments settled to the state?

A The municipal court clerk deposits collections into the municipal depository and reports to the municipal/city clerk (at least monthly) what deposits have been made.

The municipal clerk settles all state assessments to the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration monthly. (§§21-15-21 and 99-19-73)

A glance at issues facing Mississippi legislators

By The Associated Press

A glance at some issues Mississippi lawmakers are expected to tackle in their three-month 2002 session:

- **Human Services:** Some lawmakers want to change how the Department of Human Services executive director is chosen, starting in 2004 with the next gubernatorial term.

- A board would recommend candidates for the job, and the governor would choose one. Now, the governor makes the selection without guidance.

- **Medicaid:** Lawmakers must find a way to cover a \$124.6 million shortfall in

the current budget year for the agency that helps the needy, elderly, blind and disabled.

- **Corrections:** Mississippi's prison system faces a \$21.2 million deficit because lawmakers put aside too little for medical care, food and supplies.

- **Corrections:** Commissioner Robert Johnson says. House Appropriations Chairman Charlie Capps, D-Cleveland, said he's not inclined to cover the shortfall.

- **Flag:** Some legislators are filing bills to remove the Confederate battle emblem from Mississippi's flag, but leaders say no change is

likely since voters decided last year to keep the flag as it is.

- **Alcohol:** Bills that failed last year are being filed again. One would ban people younger than 21 from nightclubs. Another would set more stringent standards for driving under the influence.

- **Health care:** Gov. Ronnie Musgrove wants to tap into a tobacco trust fund to leverage more money for Medicaid. Legislative leaders are skeptical, saying the governor hasn't provided enough details about his idea.

Musgrove said he'll discuss his plan in the State of the State address.

- **Judges' terms:** A study committee appointed by the Supreme Court recommends doubling judges' terms from four years to eight. House Speaker Tim Ford said he'd consider giving judges six-year terms.

- **Boards and commissions:** Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck wants to update the method for choosing College Board members, using the four new congressional districts instead of the seven congressional districts of 1944.

Sen. Deborah Dawkins, D-Pass Christian, has filed a bill to update districts for the College Board and dozens of other boards and commissions.

Minor -- bum rap

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director Bea Branch and poverty activist Rims Barber the lead plaintiffs) could have gone to anyone of four chancellors in Hinds Chancery court.

Wise -- who is black -- got it through 'normal rotation of case assignments.

Wise could have kept Republican intervenors from entering the lawsuit and submitting their own plan, but she didn't. GOP lawyers argued their own case and presented their witnesses as did the lawyers for the Democratic plaintiffs.

Some experienced independent observers say that the Democrats, whose lead counsel is Rob McDuff, did a superior job of making their case, backed up with technical data and expert testimony from former Congress-man Wayne Dowdy.

Based on a showing that state court judges in some other states have been overturned by attempting to redesign districting plans submitted to them, Judge Wise realized she had to adopt either the Democratic or Republican plan in its entirety.

Perhaps one could contend that Wise, herself a Democrat, adopted the plan because it was laid out by the Democratic plaintiffs.

However, she had solid grounds that it was fairer to the two primary competing interests -- namely the Shows and Pickering forces.

What the GOP lawyers proposed was the so-called the "modified Kirksey plan." It would literally have obliterated Shows' voter base,

leaving him with only 20 per cent of his existing 4th District. Contrary to Republican propagandists, the plan adopted by Judge Wise gives Pickering 47 per cent of his current district and Shows 44 per cent of his.

Furthermore, from the standpoint of past performance, the new district had given George W. Bush 59 per cent of the votes cast in the 2000 presidential election and Republican Mike Parker over 50 per cent in the 1999 gubernatorial race with Gov. Ronnie Musgrove.

Some also seem to forget that Shows only narrowly won the 4th District seat in the U.S. House in 2000 after the previous occupant, Mike Parker, had switched parties and won it twice running as a Republican.

Mississippi Atty. Gen. Mike Moore had his staff people working on Christmas Day in order to assemble and box the voluminous documents required by the U.S. Justice Department for submission of the Congressional redistricting plan.

Then he put the mass of material detailing Mississippi's history of redistricting over the past four decades -- on a state airplane and had it flown up to Washington rather than risk holiday or other delays getting into the Justice Department's hands.

In Mississippi's case, Moore said, "all the Justice Department will be looking for is whether or not the plan makes in any significant dilution of the state's one black-majority District."

The Wise plan can easily pass muster on that point since it maintains a virtual 60 per cent black majority in the 2nd District.

In Moore's view, the configuration, of the state's three other districts, despite unhappiness being heard over county-splitting and linking of areas with widely disparate interests, will have little consequence in Justice's final analysis.

Northeast Mississippians are not pleased that they would be attached in the Wise plan with 127,000 people coming from suburban areas around Jackson. However, as Bobby

Harrison, the state Capitol correspondent for Tupelo's Daily Journal pointed out last week, a Senate cabal from the Northeast, led by Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck, and Senate President pro-tem Travis Little, egged on by Tupelo Mayor Larry Otis, rejected a plan by the Mississippi House in the November special session which would have moved only 36,000 from the Jackson area into the 1st District.

The Tuck coterie charged the House proposal was unpalatable to their region. And so died the Legislature's only shot at



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F. BOUDREAUX
 Frederick P. Boudreaux, 79, of Waveland, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Boudreaux was a native of Napoleonville and a resident of Waveland for 16 years. He was retired after 31 years with Eastern Airlines. Mr. Boudreaux was a Navy veteran of World War II and was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Bay St. Louis, American Legion Post 77 and various military organizations.

Survivors include his wife, Doris L. Boudreaux, sons Frederick P. Boudreaux, Jr., Stephen W. Boudreaux and Timothy A. Boudreaux; a daughter, Kathleen B. Karelitz; a brother, Oscar Boudreaux; a sister, Rosemary B. Hamm; and eight grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday at Tharp Sontheimer Tharp Funeral Home in Metairie and again Monday, followed by celebration of Mass in the funeral home chapel and burial in Garden of Memories.

REV. ROBERT BOYER

Rev. Robert Boyer, 46, of Waveland, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, in Pascagoula.

Rev. Boyer was born in Lamesa, Texas, and had been a resident of the Gulf Coast since 1992. He served as a United Methodist pastor in Oakland, Miss.; Springfield, Tenn.; Vardaman, Miss.; Oxford, Miss.; Picayune and the Cedar Lake and Coalville United Methodist churches in Biloxi.

He was preceded in death by his father, Samuel Boyer.

Survivors include his wife, Marca Boyer of Waveland; his mother, Vera Griffin of Tunica, Miss.; sisters Linda Boyer of Tunica and Claire Dover of Osceola, Mo.; and brothers James Boyer of Tunica and Sam Boyer of Columbia, S.C.

Visitation will be today, Jan. 10, 6-9 p.m. at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport. Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at Coalville United Methodist Church in Biloxi where friends may call an hour before service time.

The family prefers memorials to Jackson County Kidney Foundation, P.O. Box 2224, Pascagoula, MS 39569.

E. BUCHERT JR.

Edward Joseph Buchert Jr., 75, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002.

Mr. Buchert was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Pass Christian. He was a retiree of the New Orleans Fairgrounds.

He was the husband of Doris Bel Buchert; father of Jeanne Buchert Durning, Edward J. Buchert, III and Kenan B. Buchert; son of

Gladys James Buchert and the late Edward J. Buchert Sr.; and brother of the late Ernest W. Buchert. He is also survived by four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at All Faiths Funeral Home Chapel in New Orleans followed by interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to Hospice of the Gulf Coast, 999 Howard Avenue, Biloxi, Ms 39530.

CORA COE

Cora Coe, 87, of Waveland, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, in Pascagoula.

Mrs. Coe was a native of Bendale, Miss. and a homemaker. She was the church secretary and a Sunday School teacher.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Saly Bolton.

Survivors include four nieces, Eretta Irving of Gautier, Mayola Clayborne of Oakland, Calif., Joetta Davis of Waveland, and Elaine Lee of New Jersey; and a nephew, Paul Hall of New Orleans.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 11, 6-9 p.m. at Mount Chapel Baptist Church in Waveland. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Bendale.

Burial will be in Sweetwater Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune.

JOSEPH COLSON

Joseph V. Colson, 81, of Waveland, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, in Waveland.

Mr. Colson was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of Waveland where he owned and operated several businesses during his career. He was a Catholic and a graduate of St. Stanislaus High School. He served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II and was a past commander of the American Legion Post 139. During his career he also served as director of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission and held positions in the state of Louisiana as secretary of Wildlife and Fisheries and secretary of Emergency Preparedness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry J. and Irene Fratus Colson.

Survivors include a sister, Betty Quintini of Arabi, La.; and two daughters, Beth Ducrest of Memphis, Tenn., and Ellen Breath of Bay St. Louis; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A private funeral service will be conducted at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

HAZEL DALEY

Hazel Mary Daley, 84, of Jackson, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, in Jackson.

Mrs. Daley was a native of Kiln and was a resident of Jackson for 10 years. She was a former longtime member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian and was a member of St. Richard Catholic Church in Jackson. She retired from Pass Christian Industries.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank J. Daley; and sons Frank F. Daley and Marvel J. Daley.

Survivors include a son, Ronald J. Daley of Pass Christian; a daughter, Joan Daley Rhodes of Jackson; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

GEORGE HAMMER

George Hammer, 83, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Hammer was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Bay St. Louis since 1964. He was a veteran of the United States Navy serving in World War II and was a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 139 and the VFW Post 3253 in Bay St. Louis. He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Camille Hart Hammer.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Rodrigue Hammer of Bay St. Louis; a son, George Gregory Hammer of Sumrall; daughters Susan Hammer Burden of Friendswood, Texas and Vivian Hammer Phongam of Petal; a brother, Richard A. Hammer of Carriere; a sister, Dorothy DiBenedetto of Bay St. Louis; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, Jan. 12, 10-11 a.m. at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis followed by a Memorial Mass in the St. Augustine Seminary chapel. Interment will be private.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to St. Augustine Seminary, 199 Seminary Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

ELIZABETH LIKE

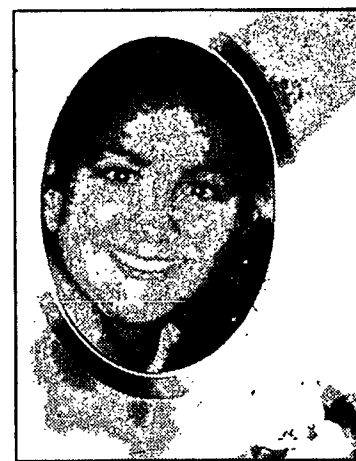
Elizabeth Bourne Like, 88, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Buell O. Like; daughters Sylvia Bourne, Janice Bourne Margiotti, and Reba Bourne Hicks; six brothers and a sister.

Survivors include sons

Reggie Bourne of Pine, La. and Robert Bourne of Bay St. Louis; daughters Helen Bourne Ryan of El Campo, Texas, and Ann Bourne Caimi of Waveland; 21 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services in the funeral home chapel and burial in Biloxi National Cemetery.



MELANIE MCLAURIN

Melanie McLaurin, 22, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, in

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Joe Colson, a prominent citizen of Waveland, MS died Jan. 5, 2002 at age of 81.

Over the years Mr. Colson was a very successful business man.

Mr. Colson served his country as a member of the Coast Guard in World War II. He was active in political life and was well thought of by Governors and representatives of both MS and Louisiana.

Among many of his business ventures was a Real Estate brokerage in Waveland, MS. Also for a time he owned a Seafood Market on Coleman Ave. in Waveland.

Colson served as "Representative of Wild Life and Fisheries" under Governor Dave Trene of LA.

Mr. Colson was a generous and thoughtful man and will be remembered by the many less fortunate folks he gave a helping hand during his long life.

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Betty Colson Quintini

Gulf South Urgent Care urges malpractice insurance reform

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Gulf South Urgent Care last week experienced a little emergency of its own - its medical malpractice insurance carrier dropped clients nationwide, forcing the facility to shut its doors for the first two days of the New Year.

On Dec. 12, Gulf South Urgent Care Administrator George Sanders said last week, "The chairman and CEO of the St. Paul (insurance group) announced they were getting out completely" from providing coverage for critical care and OB/GYN physicians and clinics effective at the end of the year, deeming those areas "unprofitable" due to high losses from frivolous malpractice suits.

That left Gulf South in the unenviable position of having a little over two weeks to find a reputable national carrier, Sanders said. An insurer was found, he said, at "exorbitant"

rates, but the confirmation of the coverage didn't arrive until Jan. 3.

Now, Sanders said, Gulf South is once again able to offer the same quality urgent care as before, but taxpayers nationwide are being terribly underserved by a system that discriminates against patients and healthcare providers. The problem is even worse in Mississippi, he said, "because it's considered to be a high-risk state."

Serious reform is needed, he said, both in the way malpractice suits are handled and in establishing and enforcing insurance regulations.

He said a Coast group of emergency care physicians had also been dropped by a carrier and was forced to find insurance through Lloyd's of London with premiums "three times what they were paying."

"Most physicians who have been in business for a few years" have had claims

filed against them - often baseless, but costly, nonetheless, Sanders said. "What's happening is a lot of (insurance) companies are doing a lot of cherry-picking now, taking the cream of the crop and rejecting the rest."

And, he said, the state insurance commission does little to protect the medical community from unscrupulous carriers.

"We view it as a real crisis," Sanders said. "We intend on lobbying our legislators and encouraging our patients to do the same. ... What we would hope is that the citizens of Hancock County will join with us in lobbying their elected representatives to do something about the high expense" of providing quality health care.

"We're back up and running strong, and continuing to aggressively pursue some type of reform where premiums and litigation are reasonable. That will make for a healthy county."

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Beach; her father and step-mother, Danny McLaurin and Mary Carpenter of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Shannon Baggett of Wiggins; a sister, Amanda McLaurin of Bay St. Louis; and her grandmother, Wilma Lee of Perkinston.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Mass was celebrated Wednesday followed by burial in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Ford of Gulfport, Susan Stinson of Gulf Breeze, Fla. and Peggy Dennis of Corpus Christi, Texas; two brothers, L. V. Moran of Pearl River, La. and Wilford Moran of Kiln; two sisters, Louise Hudson of Pearl River and Eloise Mullinax of Ponchatoula; 21 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday evening at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport. Services were conducted Tuesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Gulfport. Interment was in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum.

four years. In 1991 he moved to Pass Christian. He spent four years with the West Harrison Fire Department taking pictures and retired from fire services in 1997 after 54 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fay E. and Amy C. Partridge; two brothers, Chester Partridge and Edward Partridge; and two sisters, Shirley Partridge and Verna Partridge.

Survivors include two sisters, Virginia Collins and Barbara Belletete, both of Athol, Maine; and a brother, Paul Partridge of Denver, Colo.

Visitation was Saturday evening at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

HERBERT E. PARTRIDGE

Herbert Eugene Partridge, 84, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, in Diamondhead.

Mr. Partridge was born Nov. 29, 1917 in Orange, Maine and attended school in Westminster and Bellows Falls, Vt.

He helped to start the fire department in Westminster in 1937 and lived there until 1942 when he moved to South Barre, Maine to work in the Barre Wood Combining Mill. He was a member of the Orange Fire Department for about 10 years and was a life member of the Worcester West Fire Wardens. He retired from the Union Twist Tool in Athol, Maine in 1979 and then worked part-time as a security guard for about

TOLMINO TAVIANI
Tolmino Taviani, 85, of Metairie, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, in Metairie.

Mr. Taviani was a native of Sienna, Italy and a resident of Metairie for the past 20 years. He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fernando and Pia Marzini Taviani.

Survivors include his wife, Cesarina Mussio Taviani of Metairie; sons Floriano Taviani of Bay St. Louis and Ferdinando Taviani and wife Ivana of Metairie; and two grandchildren, Floriano and Norma Taviani of Metairie.

Funeral services will be private. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

Hancock Women's Club meets today

The Hancock Women's Club celebrated the Christmas holidays with a luncheon at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club.

Members placed gifts under the Christmas tree which were presented to the Bay St. Louis Fire Department for their Doll

and Toy Fund. New members Dana Piazza, Cindy Guillot and Helen Giles were welcomed into the club.

Mamie O'Quinn presented birthday corsages to Molly Malpie and Joan Wilkinson who had December birthdays.

As members joined in

singing Christmas carols, Rudolph appeared, with antlers and a blinking nose, to present a gift to all. President Amelia Killen wished all a joyous holiday.

The January meeting will be today, Jan. 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn-Waveland.

Hancock County - FEMA Notice

Hancock County, MS., has been awarded \$15,089 in federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board program to supplement emergency food and shelter programs locally in 2002.

The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Council of Jewish Federations, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and United Way of America. The board distributes funds to help expand food and shelter programs in high-need areas of the country.

A local board made up of Thomas Longo, Waveland mayor, the United Way and other charitable organizations determines how the funds are to be distributed in Hancock County.

Under the terms of the grant, local government or private voluntary organizations receiving funds must: 1) be non-profit, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and (if private) have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply. Hancock County has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with Catholic Social Services, Diocese of Biloxi, the Hancock Food Pantry, and St. Vincent de Paul Societies in the area.

Further information on agency participation may be obtained (1) by contacting Emile Comar, St. Vincent de Paul Society, P.O. Box 283, Waveland, MS, 39576; (2) by leaving a message at 228-467-0703. Deadline for agency participation applications is 11 a.m., Jan. 16, at which time the local board will meet at 307c Coleman Ave., Waveland, MS 39576.

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BLT presenting the 'Perfect Party'

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre starts the new year off Jan. 18 with the first of five performances of "The Perfect Party."

The charming comedy, a long-running Broadway success written by "Sylvia" and Love Letters" author A.R. Gurney, is being directed by Vecky Rotundo.

Performances at the BLT Playhouse at 301 Boardman Avenue, are scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18 and 19 and Jan. 25 and 26. A special matinee is scheduled Sunday, Jan. 20

at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. The cast includes Martin Booda, Sandy Higdon, Lennie Scardino, Sally Weber and LaDonna Darrah.

In "The Perfect Party," Tony, the quintessential WASP, has given up his

American Literature professorship to stage the party to end all parties, inviting people from all walks of life. The party falls apart but is resurrected in a free-for-all, something less than perfect but vital and rewarding. For more information, call 467-2587.

Hancock County Water & Sewer board meets Friday

The Hancock County Water & Sewer regular monthly meeting will be Friday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. at its office located at 1113 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis.

Mint Julep plans still 'up in the air'

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

There is a battle of the wills going on between the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ultimately, it will be up to newly-appointed county attorney Ronnie Artigues Jr., to recommend some settlement to the impasse.

The rift is over future development of a subdivision in the northern part of the county near the White Cypress Community.

The plans to develop an air park community called the Mint Julep Subdivision were proposed more than two years ago by Picayune developer Tyrone Gill. He envisions a community where vehicles would share road space with private planes and where some of the residents would construct airplane hangars, alongside their single-family homes.

At first, the plans for the 82-lot subdivision met strong opposition from the White Cypress Community, residents of which contended the overflying planes would be noisy, rob them of their privacy and posed a threat to their safety.

Gill subsequently angered supervisors when the board learned he plotted three lots out of the subdivision without any kind of preliminary approval of his subdivision plans and sold them to an individual, who began building a home.

The planning commission ultimately issued a "cease and desist order," to stop further construction and officially notified Gill he was in violation of zoning laws.

Artigues was called in to assist then-county attorney Gerald Gex in the matter, and they obtained a court injunction ordering Gill not to sell anymore lots until he

gained preliminary site approval of his subdivision plans from the planning commission.

At a meeting last July, board President Rocky Pullman publicly scolded Gill, and supervisors recommended levying a \$1,000 fine against him.

Gill was ordered to "go back to square one" and return before the planning commission for preliminary and final approval of his subdivision plans. In the meantime, Gill hired consulting engineer Dan O'Neal to work out some road access problems with an adjacent property owner.

At Tuesday's meeting of the board, Willie Gavney, the county's chief building official and zoning enforcement officer, told supervisors the planning commission last month gave final site approval to the subdivision.

Gavney said the commission took no action in regard to levying the \$1,000 fine because its attorney, John Scafide, said it was his opinion the commission had no authority to levy fines.

The county's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance spells out any violation of the zoning laws is a misdemeanor, but Scafide feels it would be up to a court judge to levy any specific fine.

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand, who led the move to fine Gill, said she was worried doing nothing would set a bad precedent.

She said she was not singling out Mint Julep, but if the developer goes unpunished, "Others might do what they want. Why (should people) do it right," she asked.

Artigues, who took over Tuesday as the new county attorney, replacing Gerald Gex who retired, was asked to confer with Scafide about how to proceed.

Should the county eventually take Gill to court, Artigues said the county would be in a better position if supervisors and the Planning Commission both supported fining the developers.

In the meantime, the board tabled approval of the subdivision plans, but O'Neal was in the audience, and Pullman indicated the board may reach some decision on the matter at its recessed meeting Jan. 22.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Bank announces officer promotions

Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel recently announced officer promotions approved by the Hancock Holding Company and Hancock Bank board of directors.

New Hancock officers include:

Tricia Gibbens Accounting Officer

Tricia Gibbens, a financial analyst with Hancock Bank's comptroller, began work with the bank in April 1998 with 14 years of senior accounting experience.

A certified public accountant, the Bay St. Louis native and Our Lady Academy graduate received both an associates degree in data processing and a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Louisiana State University.

Janet R. Harbour Branch Officer

Gulfport native and Harrison Central High School alumna Janet R. Harbour attended both the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast and graduated from Southern Trust School.

Harbour joined Hancock Bank's credit department in February 1983 and served as a bank administration assistant. Now Hancock's Dedeaux Road branch manager, Harbour has completed

numerous American Institute of Banking (AIB) courses.

She is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Orange Grove, former president and current vice president of the Lyman Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association, and secretary of Gulfport Civitans.

Miranda Bosarge Branch Operations Officer

A graduate of Hancock North Central High School, Hancock County native Bosarge joined Hancock Bank in May 1994.

Currently the Bay St. Louis Highway 90 branch operations manager, she completed several American Institute of Banking (AIB) classes and fulfilled course requirements for Hancock University's Supervisory School, Leadership School, loan credit analysis, and SalesPro loans and deposits classes.

Rebecca Ann Stepro Branch Operations Officer

Dedeaux Road branch operations manager Rebecca Ann Stepro is a former Department of Defense security investigator who joined Hancock Bank in January 1998.

She attended East Tennessee State University and received a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice from

Indiana University.

The Pennington Gap, Va., native is active in United Way and March of Dimes initiatives and volunteers with several local food pantries.

Cleo McQueen Compliance Officer

Cleo McQueen joined Hancock Bank in June 1997 and currently serves as a compliance specialist with the company's compliance department.

A Union City, Tenn., native, she earned an associate's degree at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and has participated in Hancock University's PEP, supervisory, and leadership programs.

She serves as a Gulfport School District mentor and is a member of First United Methodist Church, where she sings in the chancel choir.

Stacey Rester Human Resources Officer

Grand Coteau, La., native Stacey Rester earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology and a master of science degree in vocational education and human resources development at Louisiana State University.

She joined Hancock Bank in April 2000 as an experienced human resources staff recruiter and currently serves as Hancock

University's professional development specialist.

Kimberly Champion Investment Officer

Biloxi native Kimberly Champion joined Hancock Bank in September 1999 and is currently an investment specialist with Hancock Investment Services, Inc.

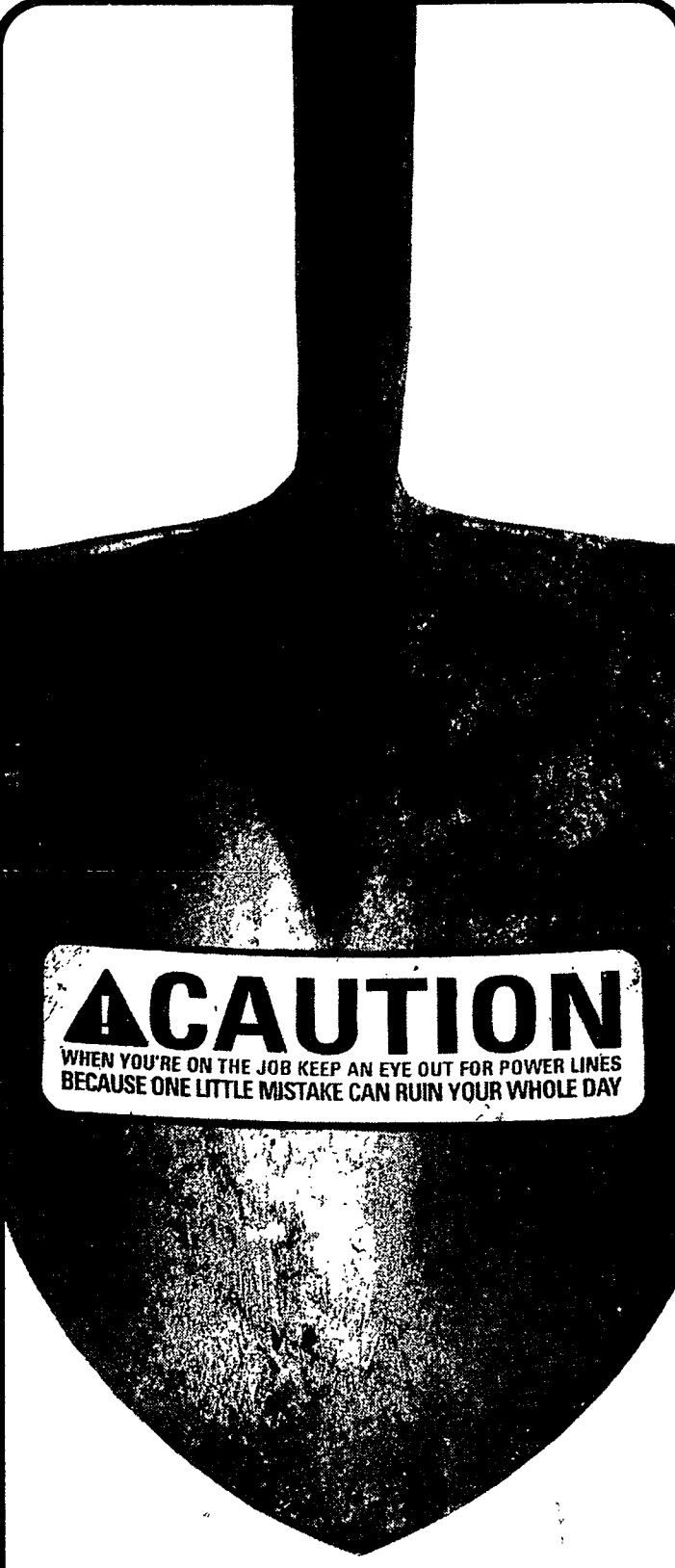
Champion attended McNeese State University and received an executive secretary diploma from Delta School of Business in Lake Charles, La.

She holds both a substitute license and paraprofessional license from Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Champion attends Brodie Road Baptist Church.

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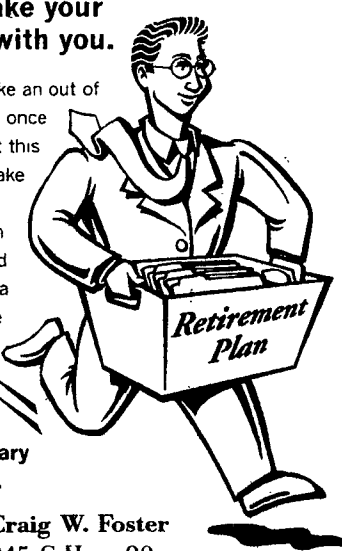
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Beach -- light it up

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lights were too bright, and would turn the 25-mile-per-hour, two-lane roadway into a drag strip at night. Others contended the lights detracted from the tranquil atmosphere of the beachfront neighborhood.

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand met with power crews, and directed the lights to beam more directly onto the street rather than on the beach, and waited for public comment. The project remained stalled, although District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner also asked citizens to call in and comment on the lighting plans.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Board, Ladner reopened the possibility the lighting project might proceed.

He said he had a request from neighbors living at 219, 221 and 223 Beach Boulevard to turn the beach lights back on.

Cowand said she would like to proceed with the entire project. "This project has been on hold for five months. Mississippi Power Company is waiting on us," she told fellow supervisors.

District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour noticed two members of the newly formed Bay-Waveland Beachfront Association sitting in on the meeting.

"I'd like to see us cooperate with this new group on the beach," said Seymour.

"Let them decide what they want."

Cowand said she also welcomed input from the citizens group. "I just don't want to wait another six months. I want some closure," said Cowand.

Seymour asked the two representatives to poll their membership on how they feel about the new beach lights, and to make recommendations at February's meeting of the Board.

The first meeting of the new year Tuesday was a relatively short session, compared to some Board meeting, which begin at 9 a.m. and sometimes stretch long into the afternoon hours.

Part of the reason was due to a short agenda, but also because supervisors, Chancery Court Clerk Tim Kellar and other county officials planned to leave Tuesday afternoon for Jackson to attend the three-day Mid-Winter Conference of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors and other county officials.

As is customary for their first meeting in January, supervisors elected officers for the coming year. District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman was re-elected Board President and Cowand was re-elected vice president.

Supervisors also officially appointed Waveland attor-

ney Ronnie Artigues Jr., as the county attorney and re-appointed Geoff Clemens of Compton Engineering the county engineer.

In other business:

• Ladner and Seymour said they will ask Road Supt. Roger Ladner to get with the Sheriff's Department and begin tagging vehicles that are abandoned along county rights-of-ways. The owners will be given so many days to remove them or the county will tow them in and assess charges.

• Pullman told county Tax Assessor/Collector Jimmie Ladner that supervisors wanted a work session with him soon to see how tax collections are coming in so they can decide if expected revenues would be sufficient to fund pay raises for county employees.

Ladner reported tax collections for the end of December were around \$4 million, about \$1 million more than was collected at the same time a year ago.

Before adjourning, supervisors presented county attorney Gerald Gex a plaque in appreciation of his 38 years of service to Hancock County. Later, supervisors and county employees and friends and family gathered with Gex in the Circuit Court chambers for a farewell lunch.

Trucker -- meets train

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Moody, who said he normally made pickups at Terry's Seafood at Bayou Caddy on a weekly basis, had been hauling shrimp for the past few months and was not aware that Lakeshore Blvd. was closed for construction.

"It was close to 6 p.m. when I made the turn off Hwy. 90 down Lakeshore," Moody said on Tuesday. "After I made the turn I saw the sign about 200 yards down the road that said Lakeshore was closed, so I stopped the truck and got out to ask if there was another way around, rather than try to back 65 feet of truck out onto Hwy. 90. I usually go to Kent and Sue's and make a left."

Moody said a man told him he could go down to the next blinking light and make a left, go across the tracks and down to the beach. Moody said he asked if the crossing he would be using was passable for trucks and that he was told it would be okay.

"There were no signs anywhere on the road that said it was a low load road, no signs that warned of any trouble," said Moody.

But when he tried to cross the tracks, the landing gear got stuck, making it impossible to go either backwards or forwards, he said.

"Luckily, I had my window down, and heard the train in the distance," he said. "Otherwise, I might have been in the truck."

Moody said he ran across

the street to Garcia's Grocery and he and another man ran down the tracks with flashlights and a cell phone to try to stop the train, but the engineer just blew his horn for them to get off the tracks.

They called 911, but Moody said the operator kept asking questions as the train got closer. The operator asked if the train had hit the truck yet and Moody said, listen for yourself, and held the phone out as the train slammed into the truck.

Clyde Ladner, with the Clermont Harbor Volunteer Fire Department, said that trucks get stuck at the crossing all the time and that there are no signs to warn of the potential hazard. Several other residents, including Keith Ladner at Terry's Seafood, said that trucks get stuck at the crossing often.

"I tore my own truck up at that crossing," Keith Ladner said.

"Most of the time we are lucky enough to get the train stopped," said Clyde

Ladner. "There needs to be some signs."

But, Ladner said, he could not put the blame on the train. "When a train is going 40 or 50 miles an hour, it is hard to stop," Ladner said. "I think the train had tried to slow down and stop because it came to a complete stop about seven cars past the crossing. Everyone is lucky that it turned out the way it did. There was no fire and no cars derailed. The only leak was water from the radiator."

Ladner said Pernicario's wrecker service uprighted the cab about 9:30 p.m. and removed the trailer from the tracks a little after 10 p.m. The train was on its way about 11 p.m., he said.

Moody said he didn't know what he would do now. "That was my only truck," he said. "It seems like someone should be responsible. That crossing is dangerous, not just because of what happened to me, but to the community. A few inches of asphalt would make the difference in its safety."

ALA Mardi Gras ball is Feb. 9

The 19th annual Waveland Post 77 ALA Mardi Gras Ball is Feb. 9.

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Nearly 72 percent volunteered because they had an interest in the activity or work, and 70 percent volunteered to gain a new perspective.

Mississippi State University's Extension Service has many volunteer programs that connect people with various activities of interest.

Some of Extension's volunteer programs include 4-H Leader Volunteers, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, Master Clothing Volunteers, Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers and Master Teachers in Family Life Volunteers.

A new program available is the Master Health Education Volunteers. This program provides volunteers with an opportunity for high-quality, health-related community service through a specialized training course.

The Master Health Educator will serve as a unique connection to people who experience barriers to good health.

There are four areas, or categories of training, which will be taught in various locations across Mississippi.

The categories include health issues among youth, diabetes education, hypertension and early detection of breast cancer.

People also can become health volunteers by participating in the local Community Health Coalitions.

Who volunteers? Recent surveys indicate that typically, women volunteer more than men, but men who volunteer give more time than women.

Senior adults and minority groups are volunteering in greater numbers.

To take part in Master Health Volunteers, people must be at least 17 years of age and be recommended by a member of the county Extension Service staff.

Positive references, enthusiasm and strong people skills are very important. After satisfactorily completing the Master Health Volunteer training, educators must have access to transportation to serve.

Volunteer efforts are a valuable commodity to our county, state and nation, and they help create healthier communities.

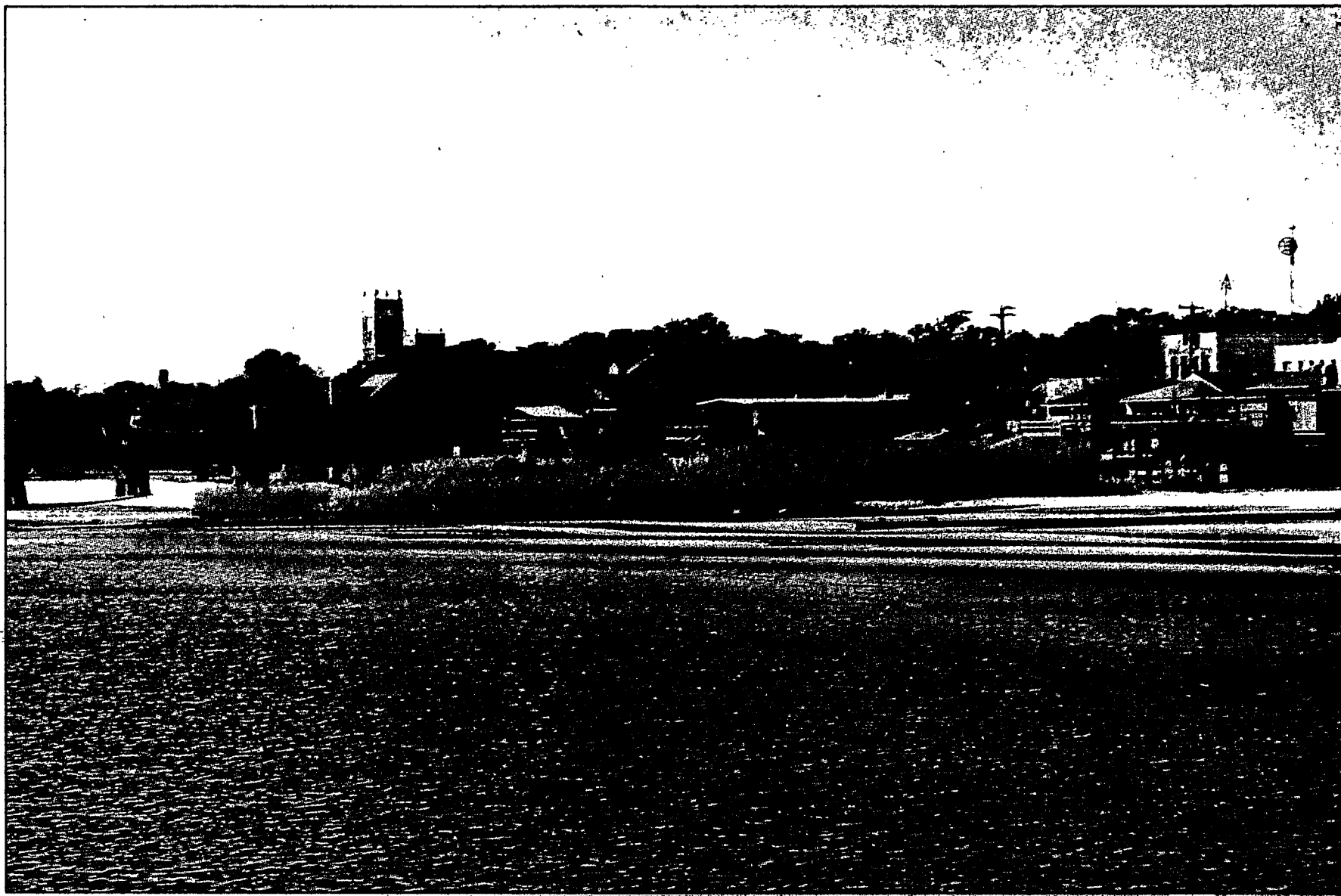
In 1998, the volunteer workforce represented the equivalent of more than 9 million full-time employees, and their combined efforts were worth \$225 billion.

The need and value of such efforts in 2002 will be even greater.

Several volunteer programs are scheduled at the Hancock County Extension Office in Bay St. Louis at 3064 Longfellow Drive (Human Resource Complex):

VOLUNTEER--PAGE 5B

Art and Soul



A view of the city of Bay St. Louis - fast becoming one of the country's premiere art colonies - from the Jimmy Rutherford Pier.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Barker

City readies for BayArts 2002

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Has the new brochure circulating around the Bay caught your eye?

The brochure has been produced to introduce BayArts 2002, art workshops to be held throughout the city March 7-10 featuring 10 of the city's finest art teachers in nine different visual art mediums.

Developed to enhance the city's reputation as an arts colony, BayArts 2002 is offered to meet several different community goals - support for local artists and their community investment, a new tourism event, support of local hotels, campgrounds and restaurants, residential recruitment and the city's responsibility to offer educational and recreational opportunities to its residents.

The Chamber's *Images* magazine and the Tourism Bureau's diligent efforts have contributed greatly to promotion of Bay St. Louis as an arts colony.

Recent national press, including *USA Today*, *Good Morning America*, and *Southern Living* have catapulted the city to a new level of recognition and respect.

"The BayArts 2002 faculty is top notch, the studio spaces are comfortable and practical for the medium, and everyone involved has been working for months for this to be a wonderful event," said Mike Cuevas, director of

Cultural Affairs for the city and event organizer.

Victoria Tackett, arts coordinator for the event, volunteered hundreds of hours in preparation and promotion of the event.

She organized the volunteer collaboration that produced the BayArts brochure.

Matt Molinary, graphic and computer artist, was responsible for brochure design and layout.

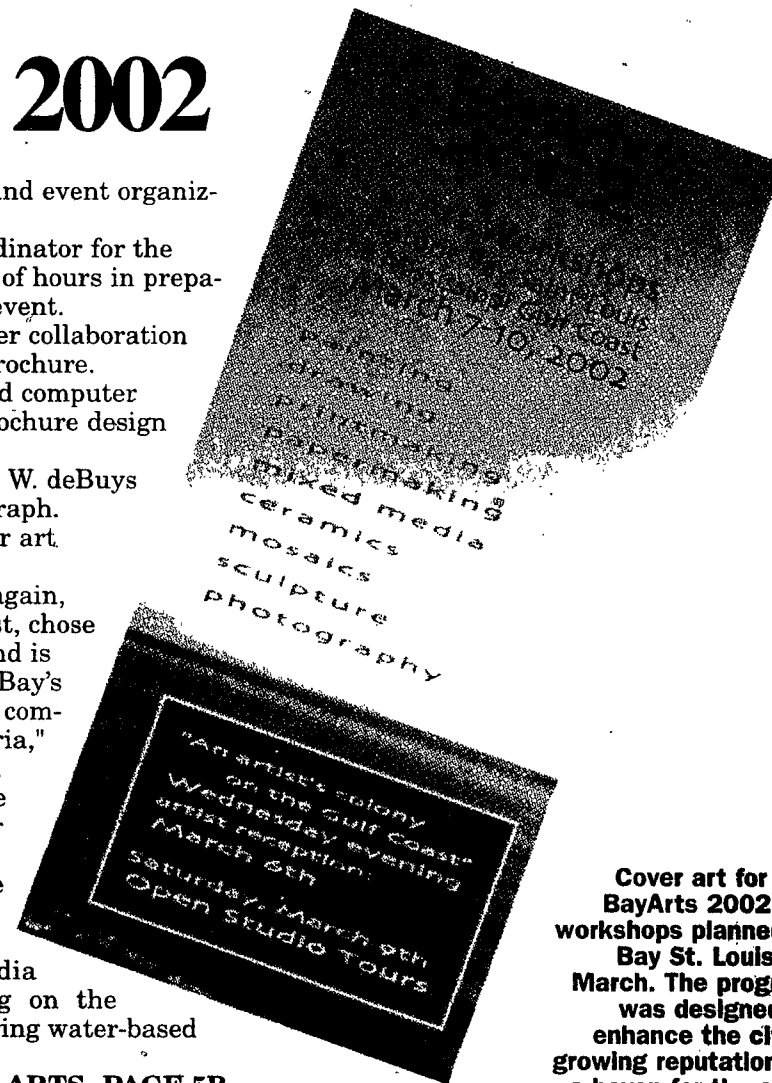
Local photographer James W. deBuys contributed the cover photograph.

Tackett was responsible for art direction and copy.

"The city was lucky, once again, that Victoria, herself an artist, chose Bay St. Louis as her home and is willingly contributing to the Bay's quality of life. We need more community volunteers like Victoria," said Bay Mayor Eddie Favre.

All BayArts workshops are designed for the beginning or intermediate student.

The faculty includes Kathe Calhoun and Sory Yager, watercolor techniques; Kat Fitzpatrick, mixed-media magic; Robin Cole, drawing on the right side of the brain; exploring water-based



Cover art for the BayArts 2002 art workshops planned in Bay St. Louis for March. The program was designed to enhance the city's growing reputation as a haven for the arts.

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1992 - Supervisor Cuevas says if county favors annexation of Bay Cove, Bay St. Louis to get taxes

Back in Time



TEN YEARS AGO

January 2, 1992 - Colonel Barry Sawyer is not pleased with allegations that bomblets made at the now mothballed Army Ammunition Plant may be connected with American soldiers' deaths during the Persian Gulf War.

According to a series of articles in the Hartford, Conn. Current last week, ammunition of the kind made at the plant at Stennis Space Center performed below standard.

These articles spurred Senator Christopher Todd, D-Conn., and Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., to call

for investigations.

- During his farewell speech Tuesday, Supervisor Ronald Cuevas asked the board to rethink its vote on a matter decided late last year.

Cuevas contends that if the board supports the annexation of the Bay Cove area, the potential machine tax and boarding fee revenues from a dockside gambling development at the Bay Cove Marina will go the city (Bay St. Louis) instead of the county.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

January 2, 1982 - Mayor Larry Bennett revealed Bay St. Louis will

eliminate a one-half cent sales tax within the next three months. The city imposed the tax in Sept. 1979 to repay a \$461,000 judgment from the injury death of a New Orleans resident.

He was paralyzed when he dove head-first into shallow water surrounding the municipal pier at the intersection of Ulman Avenue and Beach Boulevard.

- Former prisoners of war (ex-POWs) living in Hancock County were honored guests at the

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The Sea Coast Echo

SPORTS

Hawks christen new floor against Petal

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawks christened their new hardwood floor in the high school gymnasium on Tuesday, January 8 in Kiln. The Hawks hosted the Petal Panthers in a Region 3 matchup. The Lady Hawks destroyed the Lady Panthers 68-30 while the boys lost a nailbiter 60-58 in the finale.

The new gym floor is a welcomed addition to the basketball program that has been practicing just about everywhere except their own floor. The home games for Hancock this year have been played at the middle school gymnasium.

However, the wait was definitely worth it. The new floor is as beautiful a hardwood gym floor as one will see anywhere. The Hawks spared no expense on the floor or its aesthetics. Kudos to the Hawks, the school district, the school board, and the Hawk community for a such a wonderful job.

In the girls game, the Lady Hawks (13-7, 2-0) were able to play their bench and get some game experience for the younger players.

The final score of the girls game was 68-30. The Lady Panthers found trouble on the offensive side of the ball and could not buy a basket in the rout. Courtney Craft led the Lady Hawk charge with 15 points followed by Devin Necaise and Brooke

Necaise with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Hancock Lady Hawks head coach Pam Slayton commented, "We were able to get some experience for the younger players. Tonight, we were able to see what different roles players could play. I thought there were some lulls on both ends of the court but the intensity was there tonight. We pushed the ball well. The girls were definitely excited about playing on the new floor tonight. We have been bouncing back and forth between gyms for 10 weeks now. It really felt good to be back home."

"We have Hattiesburg on Friday night. We were able to beat them on their home court 60-52 earlier in the season. But, we can't dwell on that. We have to come out with intensity and play consistent ball. It was important to beat them up there but now we have to take care of business on our own floor. We had a solid holiday performance and need to build on that."

The boys game gave the fans what they wanted; however, Hancock came up one shot short in the end. The first half proved to be Hancock's achilles heel tonight.

The first period ended with a 16-10 Petal advantage following a barrage of three-point baskets from the Panthers. Petal drained five

long-range shots with Stevie Moody hitting three of them.

The Panthers extended their lead to 27-16 on a Moody layup; however, Moody was whistled with a technical foul for taunting after the shot. This ignited the Hawk faithful and the team. Cody Ladner connected on both charity shots and Josh Ladner nailed a three-pointer on the inbound pass to cut the lead to 27-21.

But, Petal would push the lead back to 11 points by halftime 34-23.

In the first half the Hawks lacked penetration in the paint; however, the second half was a different story. Hancock was led by sharpshooting Matt Ladner and workhorse Kael Peterson for the final 16 minutes.

The Panthers started the third period with a 7-0 run to push the score to 40-23. But, Matt Ladner was chomping at the bit to get a shot and drained it when he did. Ladner scored eight straight points to make the score 42-31. However, Ladner got his shots off second chances kept alive by the bruising rebounds of Kael Peterson down low. Peterson finished the game with nine huge rebounds and three steals. By the end of the third period, the Hawks had cut the lead to 49-39.

Cody Ladner and Peterson kept the Hawks

alive in the final period. With Peterson doing the dirt work down low and passing out to Ladner, the Hawks gained the momentum. With 1:01 left to play, the Hawks tied the score at 58-58. However, Petal held the ball for a final shot and nailed it for a 60-58 win. The final shot for Hancock rimmed out at the buzzer.

Hawk workhorse Kael Peterson described the loss, "We waited too late. The first half was the difference in the game. If we had played in the first half like we played in the second half, it would be a different outcome."

Everyone came together in the second half, but we just didn't get the job done in the first half."

The loss dropped the Hawks to 9-10 overall and 0-2 in the division with Hattiesburg coming to town on Friday. Cody Ladner led the Hawks with 21 points. Matt Ladner added 14 points while Kael Peterson chipped in six points.

Hancock head coach Michael Ladner stated, "We had a real sluggish start tonight."

Petal came out ready to play in the first half and took advantage of our miscues. We didn't have any penetration in the first half. We had a lot of players step up to the plate in the second half. Kael Peterson had some monster rebounds for

us down low and really battled in the second half. But, we have to play two halves of basketball."

In previous basketball action, the Bay High Tigers split with the Gulfport Admirals on Saturday, January 5 at the venerable B. Frank Brown Gymnasium in Gulfport. Pass High garnered two wins in two nights while the SSC soccer team blanked the Pirates 10-0. The Hawks of Hancock picked up two wins during the final week of holidays over Kentwood of Louisiana 44-41 and Bogalusa of Louisiana 87-57 in the Placayune tournament.

The Lady Tigers of Bay High dropped a close game 55-52 to the Lady Admirals on Saturday.

Stephanie Reed led the Lady Tigers in the loss with 19 points.

In boys action, the undefeated and top-ranked

Admirals of Gulfport defeated Bay High 102-38. Gulfport led at halftime 62-10.

The Pirates beat East Central 75-50 on Friday and Long Beach 82-46 on Saturday. Calvin Woods scored 23 points against the Hornets and 16 points on the Bearcats.

The Hawks were led by Cody Ladner's 13 points in the win over Kentwood. Matt Ladner scored 17 points in the win over Bogalusa.

The St. Stanislaus soccer team improved their record to 12-1-1 and remained ranked #3 with a 10-0 shutout of Pass High.

Peter Doty scored the hat trick and Kyle Lewis added two goals for the Rocks. Drew Cranford, Tommy Henry, Josh Lingsch, Kody Cannon, and Jake Johnson each scored one goal in the win.

Fire Dogs' early season ticket specials almost over

The Mississippi Fire Dogs of the National Indoor Football League have announced the team's early bird special for season tickets will end on January 15. The regular season ticket prices for sidelines are \$152, lower bowl \$89, and upper

bowl is \$56. The early bird specials are \$135, \$75, and \$48, respectively.

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SPORTS

Peavey named Pearl River coach

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Tucker Peavey, sporting a community college background in coaching and recruiting, is the new head football coach at Pearl River Community College.

Tuesday, during the regular January board meeting, the 16-member PRCC Board of Trustees put its stamp of approval on the hiring of the 39-year-old Peavey.

Peavey, a 1986 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, was one of five candidates interviewed by PRCC's 10-member selection committee last weekend.

"Getting back to Mississippi to coach was something I wanted to do with my career," said Peavey. "I am very excited about this opportunity. I am looking forward to the challenge."

Peavey replaces Coach Scott Maxfield, who resigned his position as head football coach last month after one season to accept a head coaching position at Blinn Junior College in Brenham, Texas.

Maxfield guided the 2001 Wildcats to a 7-2 overall record, the school's first winning season since 1995. The 2001 Wildcats finished third in the MACJC South Division with a 4-2 record, just missing the state playoffs.

"I want to commend the members of the search committee for their thoroughness in this selection process," said PRCC President Dr. William Lewis Lewis. "They interviewed



Tucker Peavey

each candidate extensively before making their recommendation to me."

Peavey was one of 22 junior and senior college assistants, and high school coaches, in and outside of Mississippi, who applied for the job.

"This is a very important position because the football program is one of the most high-profile parts of this institution," said Lewis. "Coach Peavey comes to us highly recommended. We look forward to having him get started."

Peavey comes to PRCC from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette where he was the offensive line coach.

Prior to his three-year stay at ULL he was assistant head coach and offensive line coach at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. During his stay in Monroe, the school achieved several landmark wins over Kentucky, Mississippi State and Hawaii.

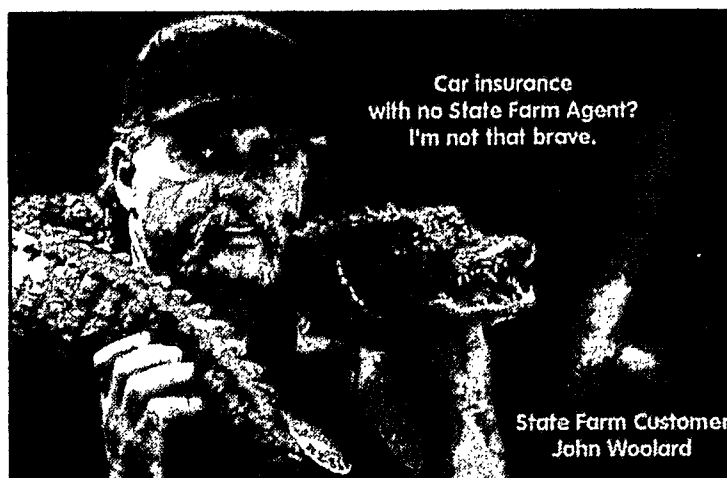
A Brookhaven native, Peavey began his full-time coaching career at Petal High School under both Rush McKay and Pat Davis before going to LSU in 1988-90 as a graduate assistant coach under Mike Archer where he worked exclusively with the offensive line.

He later became offensive coordinator at Itawamba Community College for one year under Mike Eaton. Following a brief stint as offensive coordinator at Episcopal High School in Baton Rouge, La., he joined

the staff at Louisiana-Monroe.

Peavey's first taste of coaching came at Southern Miss, where he served as a student assistant in 1983 and 1984 before earning his B.S. in 1986. Prior to that, he played both football and baseball at Copiah-Lincoln Community College for two years, after also playing both sports as a prep standout at Brookhaven High School.

He and his wife Leah Anne are the parents of two children: daughter Lauren, 19, and son Nicholas, 9.



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Diamondhead Nines December golf results

Winners of the Diamondhead Nines golf events for the month of December are:

Dec. 4, Tropy Day

First flight: low gross, Sue Campbell and Maureen Holt; low net, E. J. Smith; low putts, Donnia Hanna

Second flight: low gross, Lorna Decker; low net, Elaine Smith; low putts, Marilyn Dehnbostel

Third flight: low gross, Shirley Smith; low net, Mary Postier; low putts, Diana Johnson

Dec. 11 Christmas Scramble

First place: Marie Bailey, Clare Chauffe and Dottie Smith

Second place: Betsy Lyons, Wanda Newman, Virginia Schmitt and Carrie Perkins

Third place: Donnia Hanna, Jerri Guidroz, Pat Morgan and Bridges
Chip-ins: Mimi Alef, Clare Chauffe, Elaine Smith and Phyllis Dowell

Longest drive: first flight, Sue Campbell; second flight, Jerri Guidroz; third flight, Carol Perry, closest to the pin

First flight, Clare Chauffe; second flight, Bobbie Sorgenfrei; third flight, Marion Bwon

Dec. 18, Poker

First flight: first, Retha Vincent; second, Marge Dieball; third, Clare Chauffe

Second flight: first, Ruth Moran; second, Bobbie Sorgenfrei; third, Sue Stevens

Third flight: first, Mary Postier; second, Betty Reddock; third, Margaret Joly; chip-in, Lorna Decker

Most improved golfer for 2001 is Betsy Lyons.

Officers for 2002 are Marilyn Dehnbostel, president; Sue Campbell, vice president; Pat Heyd, handicap tournament chairman; Bettisue Hendrix, secretary; and Darlene Park, treasurer.

OLA defeats North Forrest, ties Oak Grove

OLA-North Forrest
Our lady Academy defeated North Forrest 8-0 Tuesday night in high school soccer action. Ashley Chrisman, Emily Meyers and Rachel Cranford scored two goals each for the Crescents.

Kara Harshbarger and Jennifer Coote also scored as OLA improved its record to 11-2-4. Harshbarger had two assists while Chrisman, Lauren Goulet and Meyers had one each.

Ellen Ladner had the shutout in goal.

OLA will participate in

the Brandon tournament Friday and Saturday.

OLA-Oak Grove

Our Lady Academy and the Oak Grove Lady Warriors played to a scoreless tie Monday in high school soccer. Ellen Ladner had the shutout in goal for the Crescents.

In the junior high contest, Amanda Meyer's goal propelled the Crescents to a 1-0 victory.

Meghan Flynt had an assist on the play. Annette Allard recorded the shutout in goal.

Blue Cross announces art contest theme

Encouraging healthy eating habits is the focus of the 23rd annual Design for Good Health Art Contest.

Sponsored by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, the contest will award more than \$3,000 in cash scholarships and prizes to students who best illustrate the 2002 theme: "Discover the Secrets of the Pyramid."

The entry deadline is Feb. 22, and any Mississippi student in grades 1-12 may enter.

"Considering the high rates of obesity in our state, we felt like emphasizing the principles of the food guide

pyramid was particularly important this year," said Chris Clarke, vice president of Customer and Corporate Communications for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi. "We're confident that the talented youth of our state will convey the value of a healthy eating plan in a way that hits home with their peers."

The contest awards individual cash scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$500 to first-, second- and third-place winners in four entry divisions: Grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

Winners also receive a

certificate of recognition, an art contest T-shirt and are the guests of honor at an awards luncheon. More than 100 T-shirts also will be awarded to honorable mention winners.

All entrants will receive certificates of participation. Teachers of winning students will be awarded \$200 gift certificates for art and classroom supplies.

Complete contest rules and previous years' winning entries are available at www.bcbssms.com. Students may enter through their school or as individuals. Home-schooled students are

welcome to enter.

To request an entry form and the contest rules, call Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi at (601) 664-4905. Entries must be postmarked no later than Feb. 22.

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You must be living in your home as of January 1, 2002 to qualify for homestead exemption for the current year.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- A) recorded warranty deed
- B) cost of property
- C) down payment amount
- D) license plate number's for vehicles registered in Hancock County (must have vehicles registered in Hancock County)
- E) If you are over 65 Proof of age
- F) If you are receiving 100% disability benefits proof of your disability.
- G) If you have vehicles licensed in other states you must show reason.
- H) Is any Part of the property rented?

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- A) You became 65 years of age.
- B) You became 100% disabled.
- C) You acquired a new residence
- D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead.
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Bay artist included in Mixed Media 2002

The City of Slidell's 12th Annual Mixed Media Competition, sponsored by the Commission on the Arts, will be Jan. 11 - Feb. 9 at the Slidell Cultural Center.

Artists from across 10 Southeastern states compete in this exhibit. Works in this cutting-edge competition combine two or more media, such as paint and photography or metal and clay.

Arthur Silverman is the juror for this 12th anniversary show. Silverman is most noted for his public sculptures throughout the South, Midwest, and East

and West Coasts. They have been placed in various prestigious sites including the Energy Centre Building and Pan American Life Insurance Building in New Orleans, Malone & Hyde Corporation in Memphis, Smart Corporation in Atlanta, Landmark Systems Corporation in Washington, D.C., John Rosencrans Collection and Fisher Family Collection in San Francisco, and the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Silverman has also participated in numerous solo and selected exhibitions across

the country.

Among the artists chosen is Talle Johnson, director of Bay Clay Studio Partnership in Bay St. Louis.

Silverman will select a \$500 award for Best of Show, a \$300 award for second place and a \$200 award for third place.

The Mixed Media 2002 Juried Competition opening reception and awards presentation will be at the Slidell Cultural Center, 444 Erlanger Street, Friday, Jan. 11, 7-9 p.m. Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend.

Make-A-Wish Foundation seeks volunteers

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Mississippi will be having its first monthly volunteer luncheon Thursday, Jan. 17.

Lunch will be provided during the meeting to be held from 11:45 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Treasure Bay Resort, 4th Floor Conference Room.

All Biloxi, Gulfport, and Pascagoula area volunteer and anyone else interested

in becoming a Make-A-Wish volunteer are encouraged to attend. There is no charge to attend.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi is a non-profit organization that grants wishes to children who suffer with life-threatening illnesses to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy.

Last year, Make-A-Wish

made wishes come true for 115 children in the state.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi is a part of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America, the country's largest wish granting charity. For more information about Make-A-Wish, this luncheon and becoming a volunteer, contact Shelly Moses at the Make-A-Wish Foundation Coast office at 228-896-4598.

AARP 55 driver safety course set Jan. 22-23

Whitney National Bank, downtown Gulfport, will sponsor an AARP 55 Driver Safety Program Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 22-23.

Arrival time for Monday is 8:30 a.m. and Tuesday is 9 a.m. Class will let out at 1:00 p.m. Instructor is Herb Carnathan.

This eight-hour refresher course is developed by the

American Association of Retired Persons and is designed to help the older driver improve driving skills and prevent traffic accidents.

On completion of the course, participants will receive a discount from their automobile insurance company. Class size is limited. The \$10 registration fee is paid to AARP during registration.

The first day of class. Participants are asked to bring their driver's license with them.

To register for the course, call Herb Carnathan, 228 864-9487.

Ample parking can be found in the Whitney lot behind the bank and along the north side of 13th Street in Gulfport.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Chapter 307

TOPS MS 307, Waveland, met Wednesday, Jan. 2 at the Coastal Wellness and Fitness Center with eight members present.

Paul was top KOPS, and

Desarae, Jenny and Rhonda were the best losers for the month of December. The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Coastal Wellness and Fitness

Center, 524 St. John Street in Bay St. Louis. Weigh-ins are 4:30-5 p.m. with the meeting following.

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Time -- Back in the Bay

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Christmas party of the Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Post 139, Bay St. Louis. (Photo) Among those attending were Fred Curet, Jr., Louis D. Guillory, Perry J. Gaudin, Glenn Wilson, Frank Trapani, Sidney G. Snow, Joseph C. Baxter, Emile Piazza, Robert F. Faurot, Fred Katool, James C. DeBlanc and John Gunderson. Not in attendance were Clyde Bonwell, William C. Frierson, Gerald A. Sportorno and Edward H. Todd.

FORTY YEARS AGO

January 4, 1962 - Sale of the Kiln Consolidated School property to the Church of the Annunciation for \$5,150.20 was unanimously approved by the County Board of Education at its reorganizational meeting Tuesday.

The bid submitted by Rev. Celestine Pfannenstall, pastor, was almost \$2,000 more than the top price offered on the bids sought last fall.

- Announcement of two additional directors and appointment of a cashier has been made this week by the newly-formed Coastal

Savings and Loan Association.

Named to the board were Col. William C. Hewitt, USA, ret., of Waveland, and Dr. A. K. Martinovich, Jr., of Bay St. Louis. Mark Solomon will serve as cashier. The savings and loan opened its doors at 128 Court Street on Tuesday and will hold open house from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

- (Photo) Another New Church. Formal dedication of the new Lutheran Church on U.S. 90 just east of Nicholson Avenue is tentatively scheduled for January

21 and initial services are planned there January 23.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

January 4, 1952 - Kenneth B. Whitfield was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, Wednesday, January 2, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Robert L. Hamilton, president, who was called into the Army.

A letter of resignation from Major Hamilton was read at the meeting with Ben Hille, vice-president presiding. Major Hamilton, who has been employed at

Hancock Bank for a number of years, will leave Sunday, January 6, 1952 for Fort McPherson, Georgia, to report to Third Army Headquarters.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

January 2, 1942 - Local Boy Reported Safe. Possibly the greatest happiness on Christmas Day enjoyed in any home in Bay St. Louis, was that of the Emile Perre family who are now in receipt of news from Washington confirming the safety of their son, Leon Louis Perre, who two weeks ago was reported missing

after the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor.

- An all-out call for all the persons in civil aviation to enroll in the newly-formed Civil Air Patrol has been issued by F.H. Guardia, U.S. director of Civil Defense.

- County chairman of Civil Defense for Hancock County Charles B. Murphy and others are attending a meeting in Jackson relative to classification of Users of Rubber Tires and Tubes. Rubber shortage in this country is critical. Office to open Monday in Courthouse.

Conference to focus on success in slow economy

Helping business organizations survive and thrive in an struggling economy will be the focus of a one-day conference later this month at the University of Southern Mississippi.

"Cures in an Ailing Economy" - a one-day event that will feature internationally recognized experts in economics, technology and organizational performance - will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Jan. 23, at Hattiesburg's Lake Terrace Convention Center.

The conference, part of the USM Executive Leadership Series, is sponsored by Forrest General Hospital, and is a joint effort of the USM College of Business Administration and the USM College of Health and Human Sciences.

"The timing could not be better for this," said Dr. Bill Smith, of the USM business college. He serves as co-director of the Executive Leadership Series, along with Dr. Joan Exline of

health and human sciences. "The name of the game is surviving and thriving in the current economy," Smith continued. "We will have experts who can help organizations do that."

Featured speakers include Dr. Don Ratajczak, an economist and commentator on economic trends for CNBC and CNN; Dr. Tom Davenport and Tommy Mann, partners with Accenture, a leading global management and technology consulting corporation; and Dr. Jim Loehr, a prolific author and expert on human performance.

"These are all outstanding speakers," said Smith. "I think it is going to be one of the best programs ever offered in south Mississippi."

Ratajczak, who after retiring as Regents Professor Emeritus of Economics at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University last year, is CEO of Brainworks Ventures Inc., which invests in new, tech-

nology-based enterprises.

Described by The Wall Street Journal as the most accurate economic forecaster in the country, he has developed econometric models for several individual states, the Southeast region and the U.S.

He also is a consultant to a number of government agencies, including the Congressional Budget Office.

Ratajczak will conduct a session on the economic overview for the U.S. and the forecast for a recovery. He will also discuss opportunities organizations can seize now.

Davenport and Mann will present "The Technology Scorecard: When Technology Works, When it Doesn't."

Davenport is director of the Accenture Institute for Strategic Change, and is a Distinguished Scholar in Residence at Babson College.

A fellow at HBS Interactive, the education and research arm of

Harvard Business School, he is a widely published author and speaker on information and knowledge management, re-engineering, enterprise systems, and electronic business and markets.

Mann, a computer science graduate of USM, focuses on the chemical and energy industries for Accenture. His Workforce Effectiveness Team specializes in assisting clients with strategizing, developing and implementing knowledge services' solutions.

Loehr, who has worked with world-class athletes for more than 20 years, has authored 12 books - including the recent bestseller, *Stress for Success and the Corporate Athlete*.

He will apply what he has learned from working with elite athletes to the business world - how to sustain high performance regardless of conditions. The cost of the conference is \$150 per person, and includes lunch. For more information, call (601) 266-4657, or 266-4180.

Volunteer

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Jan. 10 - Healthy Youth Development Volunteer Training, 4 p.m.

Jan. 17 - Cattlemen's Association, 7 p.m., Hancock County Civic Center

Jan. 22 - Early Breast Cancer Detection program for the Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers, 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 23 - (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) in Hattiesburg at the

Southeast District Office, 17 J.M. Tatum Industrial Drive.

For more information on volunteer programs, contact Marilyn Bailey, Master Health Volunteer coordinator in Hattiesburg at (601) 545-4455 or at the Hancock County Extension office at (228) 467-5456.

Art

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monotypes by Gwen Impson; making papers and simple books, Vicki Lever Niolet; Talle Johnson, pottery; Elizabeth Veglia, designing and creating mosaics; hand carving in stone with Anthony

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Special Olympics planned for March 16 at Stennis Space Center

Athletes need to begin training now to be ready for the annual John C. Stennis Area III Track and Field Competitions scheduled for March 16, 2001.

To be eligible to compete, athletes must be at least eight years old (no upper age limit), be mentally handicapped, and must have a current medical form on file with the Special Olympics.

Peggy Lamey, Area III Director, urges all eligible athletes to sign up for this fun-filled day of games and activities. Athletes may contact Mrs. Lamey at (228)

822-0123 or Mr. Ralph Anderson at (228)-832-6448 to obtain additional information and the necessary paperwork. Track and field competition includes relays, bocce ball, volleyball, wheelchair races, assisted walks, badminton, basketball, standing and running long jumps, shot put, and 50-, 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes. These sports competitions are patterned on the World Olympics and held annually at each organizational level, culminating in the International Summer and Winter Games, which

alternate every two years. Winners from these games go forward to the state games in May at Keesler Air Force Base.

According to Stennis Chairperson, Cheryl Firth, this event draws more than 250 athletes from Hancock, Harrison, Pearl River, and Stone counties, as well as over 500 volunteers and sponsors. This year's event is coordinated by the National Data Buoy Center.

The mission of the Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a

variety of Olympic type sports for all mentally retarded children and adults, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friends with their families, other Special Olympians, and the community.

Through successful experiences in sports, Olympians gain confidence and build a positive self-image that carries over into the classroom, the home, the job, and the community.

The New York Times Book Review Best Sellers available at the Hancock County Libraries

The Hancock County Library System reports the following books listed on the New York Times Best Seller List have been ordered by the system's libraries.

The library system has four branches: Bay St. Louis-Hancock County, Kiln Public, Pearllington Public and Waveland Library and Literacy Center.

FICTION

1 **SKIPPING CHRISTMAS**, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) A husband and wife discover that their decision to forgo Christmas comes with consequences.

2 **VIOLETS ARE BLUE**, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$27.95.) Detective Alex Cross investigates a series of bizarre murders that appear to be the work of a vampire.

3 **JOURNEY THROUGH HEARTSONGS**, written and illustrated by Mattie J. T. Stepanek. (VSP Books, \$14.95.) A collection of poems by an 11-year-old boy who suffers from muscular dystrophy.

4 **HE SEES YOU WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING**, by Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark. (Scribner/Simon & Schuster, \$20.) To earn his way into heaven, a man must save a young girl's

family from mobsters.

5 **DESECRATION**, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. (Tyndale, \$24.99.) The ninth volume of the "Left Behind" series, in which the forces of good battle the forces of evil after the rapture of the saved.

6 **LAST MAN STANDING**, by David Baldacci. (Warner, \$26.95.) The head of the F.B.I.'s elite hostage rescue team is the only survivor of a high-tech ambush.

7 **THE CORRECTIONS**, by Jonathan Franzen. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$26.) A multigenerational saga in which a mother tries to bring her dysfunctional family together for a final Christmas at home.

8 **JACKDAWS**, by Ken Follett. (Dutton, \$26.95.) Shortly before D-Day, a British operative in France finds herself leading an all-woman team of amateur saboteurs.

9 **THE MITFORD SNOWMEN**, by Jan Karon. (Viking, \$10.95.) A Christmas story by the author of the "Mitford Years" books.

10 **THE BEST-LOVED POEMS OF JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS**, selected by Caroline

Kennedy. (Hyperion, \$21.95.) The former first lady's favorite poems.

NONFICTION

1 **THE NO SPIN ZONE**, by Bill O'Reilly. (Broadway, \$24.95.) More political opinions from the host of the cable news program "The O'Reilly Factor."

2 **JOHN ADAMS**, by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$35.) A biography of the country's first vice president and second president.

3 **THE FINAL DAYS**, by Barbara Olson. (Regnery, \$27.95.) The conservative commentator, who died aboard a hijacked jetliner on Sept. 11, discusses "the last, desperate abuses of power" in the Clinton White House.

4 **JACK: Straight From the Gut**, by Jack Welch with John A. Byrne. (Warner Business, \$29.95.) The recently retired chairman and chief executive of General Electric tells his story as well as G.E.'s.

5 **THEODORE REX**, by Edmund Morris. (Random House, \$35.) A sequel to "The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt," describing Roosevelt's years in the White House (1901-09).

6 **THE UNIVERSE IN A**

NUTSHELL, by Stephen Hawking. (Bantam, \$35.) A copiously illustrated book in which the physicist explains breakthroughs that have occurred since he wrote "A Brief History of Time."

7 **ONE NATION**, by the editors of Life magazine. (Little, Brown, \$29.95.) Photographs and essays dealing with the events of Sept. 11.

8 **CHRISTMAS IN PLAINS**, by Jimmy Carter. (Simon & Schuster, \$20.) The former president remembers his many Christmases in Georgia.

9 **NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 11**, by Magnum photographers. (Magnum Photos/Power House Books, \$29.95.) The attack on the World Trade Center as seen by 11 members of the photo agency.

10 **WHEN CHARACTER WAS KING**, by Peggy Noonan. (Viking, \$24.95.) Reflections on Ronald Reagan by the former White House speechwriter.

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"I was afraid the cold and snow might have hindered students from participating in orientation," said Joe Paul, vice president for student affairs at Southern Miss, "but the numbers have exceeded our expectations."

Bucky Wesley, dean of admissions at USM, said the attendance number is up from last year. Although it bodes well for enrollment numbers, Wesley said final figures aren't yet available.

With spring semester classes scheduled to start Monday, residence halls opened on Thursday as well. Paul said the dorms are warm and ready for occupancy.

"Students will arrive all through the weekend," said Chris Crenshaw, assistant director for residence life. "We should be full on Sunday."

While some lines were in evidence in financial aid, admissions and the registrar's office, some campus offices said they have seen reduced traffic as compared to previous years.

"Usually we're steadily busy all day the Thursday before classes start," said Alice Williamson, adminis-

trative assistant with USM food services.

The number of students applying for and making changes to meal plans has been comparatively sparse, she said. "I think it's probably because of the weather."

The weather has not, however, affected overall campus readiness, said David Anderson with the university physical plant.

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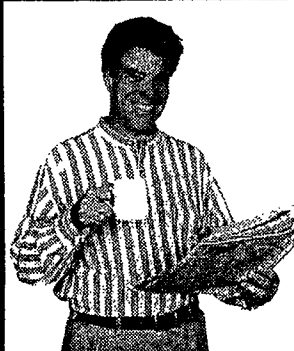
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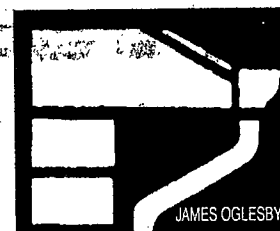
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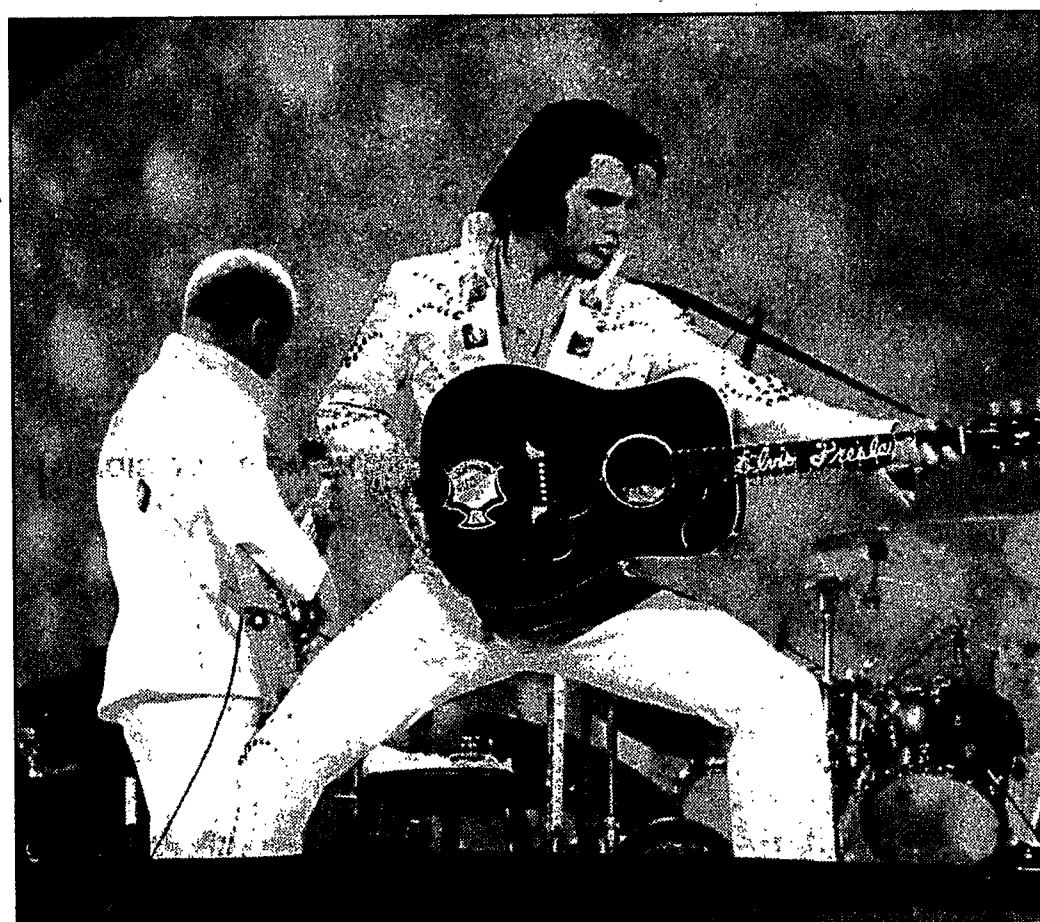
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For the second time, Grand Casino Biloxi's Grand Theatre will be transformed into a hip-swinging, heart-breaking hotel.

The Elvis Story with Martin Fontaine opens on Feb. 5 and will run through April 28.

A musical tribute, The Elvis Story chronicles the life, music and unmistakable brand of rock 'n' roll of one of the most celebrated music phenomena of all times.

This year's performance

includes a special two-hour (with intermission) Sunday matinee, allowing the production to run in its full original format, first performed in Canada.

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The show follows Elvis' evolution, from his discovery at Sun Records in Memphis, along his rapid rise to stardom in Hollywood, to his later Las Vegas heyday.

Starring hip-churning, smooth-crooning Montreal native Martin Fontaine, The Elvis Story boasts resplendent sets, a live 10-member chorus and band and a healthy amount of

leather respectful of the King himself.

More than 20 years after his death, The Elvis Story takes the audience behind Elvis' exterior façade, revealing the essence of the man who changed the history of music.

Elvis fans can catch the show at Grand Casino Biloxi at 8 p.m. for Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday shows or at 2 p.m. on Sundays. No shows on Mondays or Thursdays.

Admission is \$19.95 for Tuesday and Wednesday and \$24.95 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday shows.

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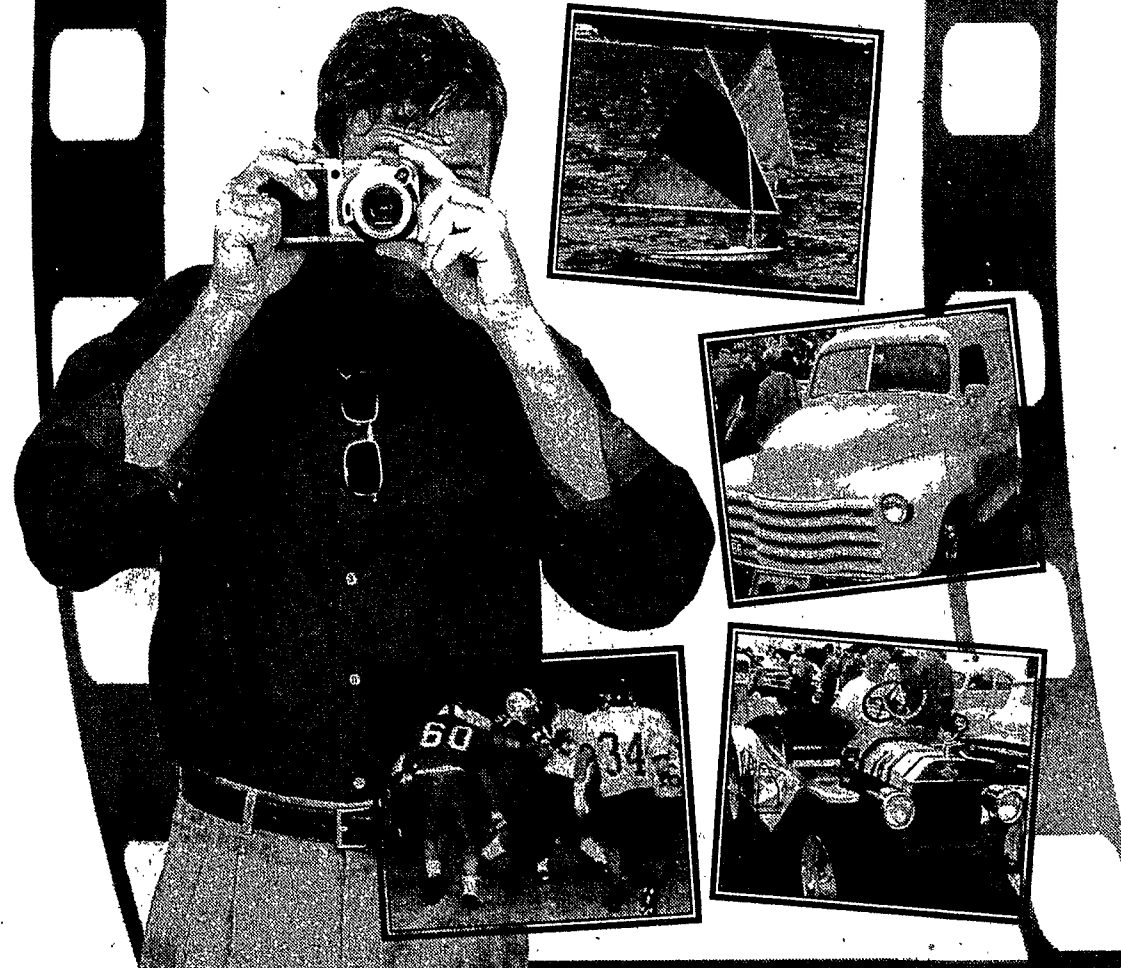
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Day classes are Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are Mondays and Thursdays.

To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

ACOA and Al-Anon

ACOA and Al-Anon meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead. Meetings are on Thursdays at 8 p.m. For information call 255-9213.

Al-Anon/BSL

Al-Anon, Bay St. Louis chapter, meets Monday and Friday at 8 p.m. at 300 Third Street, Bay St. Louis.

Al-Anon is designed for families and friends who are affected by someone else's drinking. For information, call 466-5780.

American Cancer Society
Assistance to victims of cancer is available through Hancock and Harrison County chapters of the American Cancer Society.

Necessary items for patients, such as dressings, ostomy and sickroom supplies are available to those in need. Equipment which may be loaned to patients includes wheelchairs and hospital beds.

Assistance is available for transportation to qualifying hospitals.

Several rehabilitation programs are offered, including "Reach To Recovery", in which volunteers who have had mastectomies visit new breast cancer patients (with approval of physician) to assist in emotional, physical and psychological rehabilitation.

Battered Women

Free counseling is offered for Hancock County women suffering from emotional or physical abuse. Gwen Beck, outreach coordinator with Gulf Coast Women's Center, is available each Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Hancock County Youth Court building on Court Street.

All cases are confidential. Call 435-1968 collect for appointment.

The Gulf Coast Women's Center, a United Way agency, also offers an advocacy program for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. A 24-hour crisis line is available by calling 1-800-800-1396.

Bay-Waveland

Overeaters HOW Group
Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW group meets every Tuesday, 7-8 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center's meeting room.

The HOW group is a discipline plan of eating using the 12 steps and 12 traditions for support.

There are no dues or fees. The group is self supporting through their own contributions.

For information, contact Ann at 467-6254.

Blood Pressure

Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsors free blood pressure on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

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Family Child Center

The Family Child Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is looking for volunteers.

For information on how you can help prevent child abuse, call 868-8686 or 865-0982.

Grieving Support Group

A Wholesome Grieving Support Group will meet every second Wednesday, of the month 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Hancock Senior Care Office in Bay West Professional Center, 1011 Hwy. 90, across from the Waffle House. The meetings are free of charge.

For information, call Edmond Fahey Funeral Home at 467-9031 or Hancock Senior Care at 467-4675.

Hancock County Humane Society

Humane Society meetings are held quarterly on the third Sunday at 3 p.m. at Jolly Rogers Printing, Hwy. 90.

All are welcome. For information, call 467-7686 Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hancock Co. NAACP

The Hancock County Branch NAACP meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church (fellowship hall), Sycamore Street, Bay St. Louis.

Genevieve Gordon, president, 467-6040.

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Assistance Program

A Homework Assistance Program is being offered to Hancock County students through the Save Our Children Center at 405 Necaise Street in Bay St. Louis, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

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Hope Haven Children's Shelter

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Open board meetings are conducted at Mississippi Power Co., Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. A United Way agency. 228-467-7945; e-mail at www.hopehavenshelter.org.

Lupus Foundation

A Lupus Foundation of Mississippi education/support group meets 2 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the executive dining room at Gulf Coast Medical Center, 180 DeBuys Road, Biloxi.

For information, call Shelia Pletcher at 436-9484 or 1-800-866-9606 for a free lupus information packet.

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The Consumer Money Management Center serves the public by providing free financial consultations as well as informational literature and seminars for employers, educational institutions and civic and professional groups.

Information and assistance from the center relates to various aspects of personal money management including budgeting, credit repayment, insurance, and investments.

The service is sponsored by Mississippi State University and Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. To set up an appointment call Hancock County Extension Office, 467-5456.

Parenting Classes

Free parenting classes will be offered in Hancock County at RSVP (Old City Hall, Bay St. Louis) for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communications skills, nutrition, household management, discipline, child development and more.

Call Kat Fitzpatrick at Family Child Center for details or reservations, 868-8686.

Parkinson Support Group

The public is invited to all meetings of the Parkinson Support Group, which are held the second Sunday at 2 p.m. at Garden Park Community Hospital in Gulfport. For information, call 863-2929 or 467-0307.

Save Our Children

The Hancock County Task Force of Save Our Children will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. every first Monday of the month at the center, 405 Necaise Street,

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For details, call Geraldine Lang at 467-9586.

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St. Clare Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a thrift store, City Hall Annex, Coleman Avenue. It is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 until 3, and Saturday, 10 a.m. until noon.

All proceeds benefit the needy regardless of race or religion. An information and referral service is available from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. For additional information, call 467-0703.

Senior Citizens

Located on the corner of Bookter and St. Frances streets, the center serves Hancock County citizens 60 plus years of age.

Under the Hancock County Human Resource Agency, the center provides classes in art, ceramics, framing, counted cross stitch, crochet, plastic can-

vas, shirt decorating, quilting and sewing.

There is also information and referral, counseling, entertainment and recreational field trips and health care services. Transportation is provided through a contract with Coast Transit Authority to the center or to the local doctor, grocery store, bill paying, etc.

The center has a contract to provide frozen home delivered meals to 50 homebound seniors each week and serves 20 hot meals at the center four days a week under a statewide food contract with Valley Foods. In addition, a potluck lunch is served on Friday prepared by the staff.

A morning snack is provided with donations from local clubs, churches and individuals. AAA contracts with Lifeline for one full-time homemaker for about two hours per week for needy seniors to do light housekeeping or errands for them.

For information, call the center at 467-9292 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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The Gulf Coast Chapter Wholistic Wellness Network meets the first Friday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Mississippi Power Company conference room, Beach Boulevard and 30th Avenue in Gulfport.

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The following areas will remain closed until further notice:

Area II "A" Conditionally Approved Waters, including portions of the Henderson Point Reef and northern portions of the Pass Christian Reef,

Area II "B" Conditionally Approved Waters, including the St. Stanislaus Reef and Waveland Reef; and

Area II "D" Conditionally Approved Waters, including the public oyster reefs in St. Louis Bay between the Highway 90 Bridge and the CSX Railroad Bridge.

For more information with respect to the open and closed areas, call the DMR's 24-hour Oyster Information Hotline at (228) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

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FOR LEASE OR SALE 4BR/3BA. In Jordan River Shores. Water & sewage paid. \$1135. month. Plus/deposit. 228-255-9545.
FOR LEASE: NEW 3BR, 2-1/2 BATH DUPLEX, B.S.L. \$850/month. Call Chari @ Century 21 McIntyre-Rapp. 467-3777.
FOR RENT 3BR/2BA. BRICK HOME IN Waveland. \$650/month. 467-6958.
HOMES FOR RENT: 343 POINDESTER, Pass Christian, 3BR/2BA, 1500 sq. ft., 224 Corinth Ave., Bay St. Louis, 3BR/2BA, 1600 sq. ft. Call Yolanda @ Remax By the Bay. 228-216-5560.
LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA. FROM \$750 PER month Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

NEW HOUSE IN DIAMONDHEAD. 3br/2ba, privacy fence, \$900/month + deposit. Lease required. Pet free. 689-9184 days.
PEARLINGTON, 4BR/2-1/2BA, 2,000 sq. ft., garage. \$900/month, \$400/deposit. 826-2899.
SPACIOUS 3BR/1LG BA. Lg. Family room. 2 Blocks from Waveland Shopping Center. New Carpet, new paint. 888-6415 or 467-0600. \$700/month.

151 Furn. House Rent

FOR RENT TRAILER HOMES & HOUSES. 466-0315, or 263-6015
IN KILN, MS. NEW 3BR/2BA. BRICK HOME, with double garage. On two acres. \$94,000. Will take mobile home as partial payment. 601-749-0014.

153 Real Estate Wanted

WANTED BOAT BERTH, at Bay St. Louis private resident dock, preferred. 255-8078, leave message.

156 Lots/Acreage

2 LOTS WITH 148 FT. WATERFRONT, IN East Ansley Estates. \$9,900.00. 467-9765 or 324-8227.
CLERMONT HARBOR, THE LAKES Subdivision. 3-plus acre lots, wooded. None prettier in Hancock County. 5 mins. to beach, 20 mins. to NASA and Port Blumville. Colly Rd. off N. Railroad Ave., between Clermont and Lakeshore rail crossings. \$15,000. 466-0688.
DEER PARK, 1 ACRE FOR MOBILE home on paved road with community water. \$625/down, \$145/per month for 15 years at 12% interest. Magnolia State Properties, 1-800-388-3138.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

2 BEDROOM AND A 3 BEDROOM, Stove/Ref. W/D Hookup. Central heat air, fenced yard, pet free. 467-9777.
2 BEDROOM, UNFURNISHED HOME IN BSL. 1/2 block from beach. Screened porch, central a/h, w/d hookups, kitchen appliances. \$650/mo. + mo. deposit. Call 467-4138.
2BR/1BA, 2,000 SQ. FT. HOME. Central a/h, 5201 Bordages St., Clermont Harbor. \$800/month. 467-6088, (504)833-7027.
308 CARROLL AVE. BSL. LOVELY, newly renovated, 3BR 1-1/2BA home. Central A/H, hardwood floors large/screened porch. \$875/month plus dep. 467-3061.
3BEDROOM, 2BATH, FENCED YARD, in nice neighborhood. 224 Corinth Ave. BSL. \$850.00 month (225)761-1742 or 228-467-3239.
BAYSIDE PARK. \$300/RENT, \$200/DEP. Large bedroom, walk in closet, washer/dryer, off street parking. 467-3496.
BEAUTIFUL, SPACIOUS, CLEAN, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, house in Kiln, Ms., on Jordan River. \$1000/month. 504-866-2137.

158 Commercial Property

215 HWY. 90 WAVELAND: SMALL COMMERCIAL building with heavy traffic, excellent retail location. \$450 mo. 504-286-3819. Leave message on recorder.
4,000 SQUARE FOOT METAL BUILDING for rent, with office area, great for storage. 586-1975.
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FOR RENT, BEACH BLVD. Downtown, Bay St. Louis. Retail space available. 900-1100 sq. ft. Utilities included. O'Dwyer Realty 466-0012.
OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE AVAILABLE: Choctaw Village, Waveland MS. Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 228-883-8554.
OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT in Kiln area. \$350 per month. 725 square feet. Call 255-1133.

158 Commercial Property

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE, 900 SQ. FT., 640 Hwy. 90, Waveland. \$575 per month. Call Herb 467-0244, Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty.

159 Houses For Sale

2BR/1 1/2 BA. NEW CEN HVA, roof, carpet, ceramic tile and paint. Lots of room for shop or storage. Excellent buy \$69,000. By owner. 332-0162 or 467-5379.
4BR/2BA HOME, on 25.69 acres in North Hancock County. Cleared, fenced, cross-fenced, secluded on private road, very nice. \$149,500. 228-255-6039 after 6:00p.m.

BRICK HOME, WELL ESTABLISHED BSL, neighborhood, 3 bedrooms 2 tile baths, kitchen w/appliances, central HVA, spacious L-shaped living/dining patio, fenced yard, double garage, high elevation, close to schools, shopping. 525 Esplanade Ave. \$127,500. 467-9844.

BRICK, 3 BEDROOM, TWO BATH HOME in Old Town Bay St. Louis. Large fenced yard, fireplace, alarm system. \$79,000. 467-5912.

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SELL YOUR HOUSE FAST! Looking to sell your house fast? Need quick cash for your house? Modern home only, Call (228)467-5734.

161 Condo/Rental/Sale

CONDOMINIUM ON THE BEACH, in Waveland. 2br/2 full baths. View of Gulf, indoor pool and sauna. Perfect location. \$82,000. 228-452-2755.

Public Notices

RULE 81 SUMMONS
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF JAMES JOSEPH CHOIHA, JR. FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE CHILD DESCRIBED HEREIN
PETITIONER
VERSUS
ROGER PRESTON GRIGGS, JR. RESPONDENT

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: ROGER PRESTON GRIGGS, JR. WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 918 E. Fremont Street, #73 Las Vegas, NV 89102
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (S)
THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.
You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 15th day of February, 2002, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, in the case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 18 day of December, 2001.
(Seal)

TIMOTHY KELLAR
CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY Erica Candabai D.C.
1227/01; 01/03; 01/10/02

Public Notice of Application

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT
AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
The Devil's Elbow Property Owners Association has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 48, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, Devil's Elbow wetland adjacent to Bayou Bonhomme in the Devil's Elbow Street, Diamondhead.
The applicant is requesting permission to construct three boat slips which includes the construction of a pier 220 feet in length, 8 feet in width, and 2 feet above mean high water; 2 finger piers 10 feet in length, 2 feet in width, and 2 feet above mean high water; and 6 mooring pilings on the Devil's Elbow wetland adjacent to Bayou Bonhomme in the Devil's Elbow Street, Diamondhead.
In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and applicable requirements of the State Law. Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1:00 p.m. on the day January 31, 2002.
1/10; 1/17; 1/24/02

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
MARK S. MAYFIELD
as Trustee
PLAINTIFF
VS.
WILLIAM DAVID MORRIS, CAROL A. MORRIS, COMMERCIAL CREDIT OF MISSISSIPPI, INC., WHITNEY NATIONAL BANK, and all UNKNOWN PARTIES IN INTEREST. DEFENDANTS
Cause No. 2001-467

SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)
TO: WILLIAM DAVID MORRIS, CAROL A. MORRIS, COMMERCIAL CREDIT OF MISSISSIPPI, INC., WHITNEY NATIONAL BANK, and any Unknown Person, Defendants, whose whereabouts cannot be found upon diligent search and inquiry, and who are either non-residents of this state, or who cannot be found herein upon diligent inquiry; and whose post office address is unknown to the Attorney for Plaintiff after diligent inquiry, and is unknown to Plaintiff after diligent inquiry, all of whom may have or claim an interest in the proceeds of a foreclosure sale conducted on April 20, 2001, conveying Lot 9, Block 3, Spanish Acres Estates Sub., to the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, MS, at 604 Spanish Acres Dr., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.
NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: If the suit filed in this Court by Mark S. Mayfield, as Trustee, Plaintiff, which seeks an equitable distribution of proceeds from the foreclosure of a first lien deed of trust, if your answer is required to mail or hand deliver a copy of your written response to the Complaint to Charles R. Mayfield, Jr., an Attorney for Mark S. Mayfield, P.O. Box 2192, 555 Tomlinville St., Suite 105, Jackson, MS 39225-2192, Phone 601-648-3500.
YOUR response must be mailed or delivered within thirty (30) days from January 3, 2002, which is the date of the first publication of this Summons. If your response is not so mailed or delivered, a judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded by the Complaint. YOU must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after said Clerk's address in P.O. Box 550, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.
ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court this 14 day of December, 2001.
(Seal)

CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY
BY: Linnell Scarborough
Hancock County Chancery Clerk
Attn: Land Records
P.O. Box 550
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Phone 228-467-5404
Charles R. Mayfield, Jr., Esq.
Mayfield & Mayfield, Atty. P.C. Box 2192, Jackson, MS 39225
Phone 601-648-3500
Attorneys for Plaintiff
01/03; 01/10; 01/17/02

NOTICE TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND ADJOINING COUNTIES
Notice is hereby given that the Hancock County Water & Sewer District shall receive bids from financial institutions for the purpose of keeping the District Funds for any part thereof for a period of one year pursuant to Section 27-105-305, Mississippi Code of 1972 and all amendments thereto. Bids are to be delivered to the District office, 1113 Hwy. 90 Bay St. Louis or mailed to P.O. Box 2759 Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 on or before the 11th day of January, 2002. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Published by Order of the Board of Commissioners of Hancock County Water & Sewer District, Hancock County, Mississippi, this 28th day of December, 2001.
Eddie Rienz, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer
Hancock County Water & Sewer District
01/03; 01/10/02

Public Notices

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Charles H. Dees, Plaintiff, seeking a Declaration of Heirship.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 14th day of February, 2002, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courtroom at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 7th day of January, 2002.
(Seal)

Timothy A. Keller
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, MS
By: Erica Candabai
01/03; 01/10; 01/17/02

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3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, Central Air & Heat. Just off the Beach. Excellent Neighborhood. \$625.00
3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH HOUSE, fenced yard, Central air & Heat. Great neighborhood. \$800.00
3 BEDROOM HOME, ceramic tile and freshly painted, \$625.00
2 BEDROOM HOME IN WAVELAND AREA- Large Yard. Very comfortable. \$550.00
2 BEDROOM APARTMENT, central air and heat. Excellent location. \$500.00
COMMERCIAL BUILDING, RECENTLY RENOVATED, IN OLD TOWN. \$700.00
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JUST ONE LOOK!! Precious cottage just 3 blks. from the beach. Cute as a button! This restoration features: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, approx. 700 sq. ft. Plumbing and wiring up to code, Knotty pine, central heat and air, great room / Florida room, split bedroom, enclosed screen patio, in perfect location. \$75,000 or rent \$495 (2B21)
COZY COTTAGE AVAILABLE in Old Town Bay St. Louis! Great for vacations, rental investment or starter. Walking distance to beach and shopping. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath home with approx. 600 sq. ft. \$60,000 Call today for your viewing (2B5)
COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY!! This secluded 3 bedroom 1 bath home is situated on 3 large lots, featuring cathedral beamed board ceilings, tongue & groove walls, stone fireplace, & plenty more- \$88,000 (3B20)
ENJOY THE SPECTACULAR VIEWS of the beach, a lot of natural light, from this 3 bedroom 2 bath home with approx. 2,693 sq. ft. The second floor master bedroom has floor to ceiling windows, wake up to the magnificent oaks, sunrise, and gentle ocean sounds. And enjoy cozy nights by the fireplace, large walk-in closets, a garden area, great breezes from the gulf on the enclosed porch or patio, and if it's raining? Enjoy this homes fabulous Florida room. Then 3.3 acre grounds are GRAND! All this and more for \$597,000 (3B22)
EXCELLENT HANDY MAN SPECIAL! Only 1 house off the beach. This 5 bedroom 3 bath home has approx. 2,800 sq. ft. with super elevation. The home needs a little TLC. The home features hardwood floors, fireplace and plenty more. Come take a look. Perfectly priced at: \$190,000 (5B1)
NEWLY RENOVATED HOME near the beach on over an acre. This 2 1/2 bedroom 1 bath home with approx. 1,304 sq. ft. features: fireplace, den/family room, eat-in kitchen, Florida room, and a large room upstairs could be 3rd bedroom. This is a great home for a great price. \$120,000 (213110)

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT (FORMERLY FMHA)
INVESTMENT PROPERTY (FORECLOSURE SALE)
The following property will be sold for cash at public auction to the highest bidder on January 14, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. 903 Rue De Lasalle, Waveland, MS. (3 bedroom, 1 bath, brick veneer 1397 sq. ft. dwelling)
The sale will be held at the North front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in the city of Bay St. Louis, MS. For complete legal description and details of the sale, please refer to the Legal section of this newspaper.
For more information, please contact Carol M. Cowart, Community Development Manager at (228) 831-0881, ext. 4 or 12238 Ashley Drive, Gulfport, MS 39503.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT (FORMERLY FMHA)
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The following property will be sold for cash at public auction to the highest bidder on January 14, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. 609 Morris St, Waveland, MS. (3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath 1153 sq. ft. dwelling.)
The sale will be held at the North front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in the city of Bay St. Louis, MS. For complete legal description and details of the sale, please refer to the legal section of this newspaper.
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

THEODORE A. LADNER
PLAINTIFF
VS.
HAZEL HINES, ET AL.
DEFENDANTS
Cause No. 2001-418

To (1) Hazel Hines, who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known address, both post and street address, is P.O. Box 1062, Merzua, LA 70775, after diligent search and inquiry, and if she be dead, her unknown heirs a few or devisee, whose names, last known addresses, both post office and street address, are unknown, after diligent search and inquiry; (2) Any and All Other Persons having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to the herein after described land.
Lots 10 and 20, Block 25, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit 7, Addition 2, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat thereof on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
You have been made a Defendant in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Theodore A. Ladner, Plaintiff, whose address is c/o George H. Lipcomb, Jr., P.O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.
The Complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.
You are required to file with the Chancery Clerk of this Court a written answer either mailed or hand delivered to the Plaintiff in the complaint; and in addition, a copy of your written answer should be either mailed or hand delivered to George H. Lipcomb, Jr., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.
YOUR ANSWER MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 3RD DAY OF JANUARY, 2002 WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO FILED, MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.
WITNESS my signature and official seal this 27th day of December, 2001
(Seal)

Timothy A. Keller
CHANCERY CLERK
BY Linnell Scarborough
DEPUTY CLERK
01/03; 01/10; 01/17/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
MARTHA J. DEES BELCHER, ET AL. PLAINTIFFS
VS.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF CHARLES B. DEES, DECEASED
SUMMONS
Cause No. 2002-004
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: UNKNOWN Heirs at Law of Charles B. Dees, deceased

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Martha J. Dees Belcher, William A. Dees, Joseph D. Dees and Michael S. Dees, Plaintiffs, seeking a Declaration of Heirship.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 14th day of February, 2002, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courtroom at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 7th day of January, 2002.
(Seal)

Timothy A. Keller
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, MS
By: Erica Candabai
01/03; 01/10; 01/17/02

NOTICE
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GRACE L. LAMBERT
VERSUS
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MICHAEL EDWARD J. STEPHANIS LUCILLI
AND ANY AND ALL CLAIMING TO HAVE INTEREST IN THE COMPLAINT
SUMMONS

TO: (a) Any and all persons, heirs, or assigns of the following decedent: County, Mississippi, at Lot 48 BR 1 D'Hac Parcel 6182. Also described as: Lot Forty-eight (48), Phase Two (2), DHA map or plat thereof in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, as filed by JAMES LAMBERT, the Plaintiff to Confirm Title, in the case of the ESTATE OF MICHAEL EDWARD J. STEPHANIS LUCILLI, a decedent, and any and all claiming to have interest in the said property. You are required to file an answer or other pleading in response to this summons, which is being served on you by the undersigned, at the Courtroom of the Hancock County Courtroom at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, on or before the 14th day of February, 2002. If you fail to do so, a judgment by default may be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 7th day of January, 2002.
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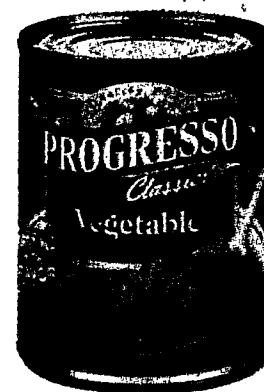
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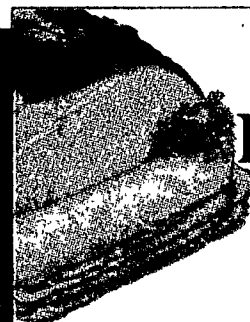
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Assorted Varieties

Dial Soap 3 pk\$1.99

Bounce Dryer Sheets 80 ct\$3.99

Liquid Fresh Bowl Cleaner 1.85 oz.\$2.79

Kleenex Facial Tissue 144 ct.\$1.88

Kleenex Cottonelle

Bath Tissue 6 roll2/\$7.00

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Margarine 8-16 oz.4/\$5.00

Kraft Deluxe Sliced Cheese 16 oz.\$3.99

Lean Cuisine

Skillet Sensations 24 oz\$3.99

Grounded Fresh Daily-Value Pack
USDA Ground Chuck lb.\$1.69
USDA Grain Fed Beef-Value Pack
New York Strip Steak lb.\$4.99
USDA Grain Fed Beef
Shoulder Roast lb.\$1.69
USDA Grain Fed Beef
Top Round London Broil lb.\$1.99
Cry-O-Vac Pack
Bryan Baby Back Ribs lb.\$3.99
USDA Whole Only
Smoked Picnic Ham lb.79¢
Lykes Sliced Bacon 12 oz\$1.99
Lykes Hot Dogs 12 oz99¢

Assorted Flavors
Brummel and Brown Spread 8-16 oz3/\$4.00
Assorted Flavors
Minute Maid Orange juice 64 oz2/\$5.00
Assorted Flavors
Dannon Yogurt 8 oz. cup3/\$2.00

Assorted Varieties
Stouffer's Lean Cuisine 8-14 oz.2/\$5.00
Assorted Flavors
Pepperidge Fam Cakes 17 oz2/\$5.00
Hungry Jack Waffles 12-12.5 oz. box2/\$3.00

8" Double Layer
Rocky Road Cake ea\$7.99
Fresh Baked Egg Knot Rolls 6 ct\$1.69
fresh Baked. French Bread Loaf\$1.19
Big Eye Swiss Cheese lb.\$4.99

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